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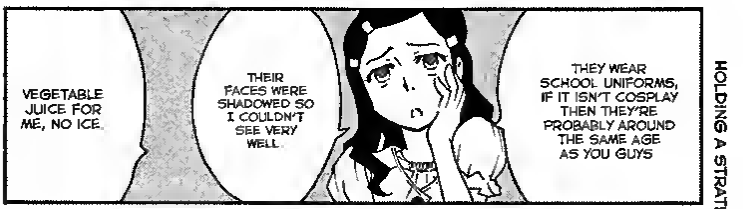
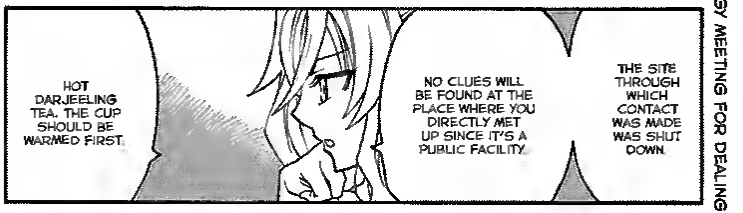
LOOK. IT'S AS IF THE STARS ARE IN MY HAND.
THEY ARE. AND NOT JUST STARS.
EVERY CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE WILL BECOME OURS
TIME CONTINUES ON ITS COURSE
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL ONE IS.
TIME WILL NOT RETURN. NOR CAN IT BE MANIPULATED.
HOW CRUEL IT IS. VRITRA.

星野倖一郎
(ほしの こういちろう)

INFORMATION IS KEY
ASURA GIRL! PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT THE CURRENT VRITRA! WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE AND HOW OLD ARE THEY?
OH, COLA FOR ME. CALORIE FREE, WITH A SLICE OF LEMON.


THEY WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORMS, IF IT ISN'T COSPLAY THEN THEY'RE PROBABLY AROUND THE SAME AGE AS YOU GUYS
THEIR FACES WERE SHADOWED SO I COULDN'T SEE VERY WELL.
VEGETABLE JUICE FOR ME, NO ICE.


THE SITE THROUGH WHICH CONTACT WAS MADE WAS SHUT DOWN.
NO CLUES WILL BE FOUND AT THE PLACE WHERE YOU DIRECTLY MET UP SINCE IT'S A PUBLIC FACILITY.
HOT DARJEELING TEA. THE CUP SHOULD BE WARMED FIRST.

I'M...
...NO, UM.

TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
IT'S WATER FOR EVERYONE!!

S, SORRY IT'S BEST THAT I GO ..
IT'S FINE FOR ME AND YOU TO SIT. WE'RE INJURED AFTER ALL
HOLD ON, DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH SOMEONE'S PHONE WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION!
Infrared, infrared! ♪
This doesn't count as taking requests for drinks!
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ざわ
ざわ
EXPLAIN TO ME WHY THE ASURA WE WERE JUST FIGHTING IS HERE WITH US!?
I'M ENTERING A STORE NAKED AGAIN...

...BUT ISN'T THAT IMMORTALITY ABILITY A JOKE?
AFTER ALL, EVEN BEING IMMORTAL, VRITRA WAS DEFEATED SO MANY TIMES BY INDRA
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF REGENERATION.
EVEN WHEN SCATTERED INTO BITS NO BIGGER THAN AN ATOM, SHE STILL COMES BACK TO LIFE—
ACCORDING TO THE RULES CAN'T YOU MAKE HER ADMIT DEFEAT AND SOLVE EVERYTHING THAT WAY?
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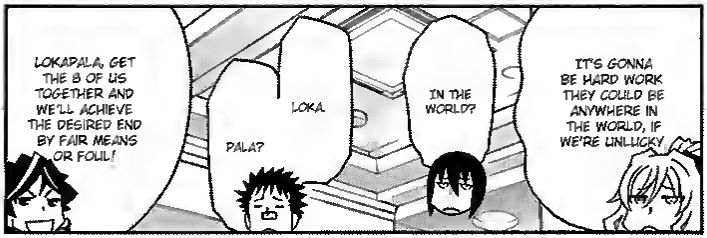
YOU THINK AN IMMORTAL BEING WITH THEIR OWN AGENDA... WOULD ADMIT DEFEAT SO EASILY?
I GUESS NOT...
HMM MM
AMANO-SAN?
THEN...

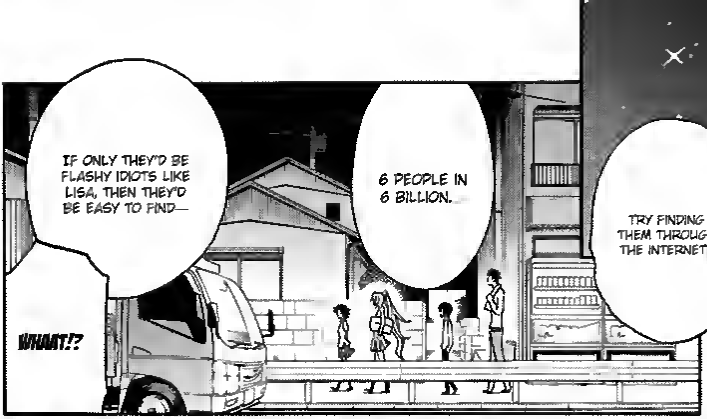
GATHER ALL 8 MEMBERS OF "LOKA-PALA", WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY?
Oh my, we're on the same wavelength for the first time ever♡


LOKAPALA, GET THE 8 OF US TOGETHER AND WE'LL ACHIEVE THE DESIRED END BY FAIR MEANS OR FOUL!
LOKA
PALA?
IN THE WORLD?
IT'S GONNA BE HARD WORK THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, IF WE'RE UNLUCKY

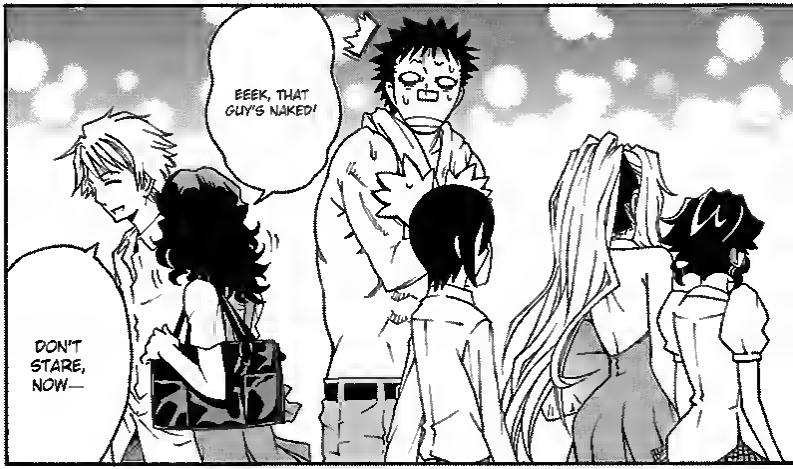
I DON'T CARE WHAT MEANS YOU USE
SO THERE'S LISA AND INDRA, AND ONCE THE OTHER 6 ARE GATHERED
THE ASURA WILL ALL BE VANQUISHED, RIGHT?
.....
NOD

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T MAKE ASURA OUT TO BE SUCH BAD GUYS
THERE ARE ALSO THOSE LIKE ME WHO, AFTER BEING BORN AS ASURA, FEEL THAT THERE'S SOMETHING THEY MUST DO.
QUIT ACTING LIKE YOU'RE THE VICTIM HERE.
ASURA'S MEMORIES INSTILL DUTY!!!
KU-RANDO!
DOWN!!!
DOWN?
I FIGHT BECAUSE I HAVE PEOPLE I WANT TO PROTECT, NOT BECAUSE I FEEL BOUND TO DO SO.
WOOOW, JUST LIKE A DOG!
DON'T MISUSE "POWER" JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ASURA.

Asura girl! I have your personal details so don't even think about running away, okay? ♡
YAKUZA.
JUST LIKE LISA
MY NAME IS KURAMOCHI KANAE.
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING
VRITRA SAID,
"TIME IS RUNNING OUT", THAT'S IT.
SEE YOU!
TIME...?


TRY FINDING THEM THROUGH THE INTERNET?
6 PEOPLE IN 6 BILLION.
IF ONLY THEY'D BE FLASHY IDIOTS LIKE LISA, THEN THEY'D BE EASY TO FIND—
WHAAT!?

IT'S THE RESULT OF HARD WORK!
BUT, YOU KNOW—
...ght?
Aww— Fu-ji-kun!


BEEK, THAT GUY'S NAKED!
DON'T STARE, NOW—

!!?
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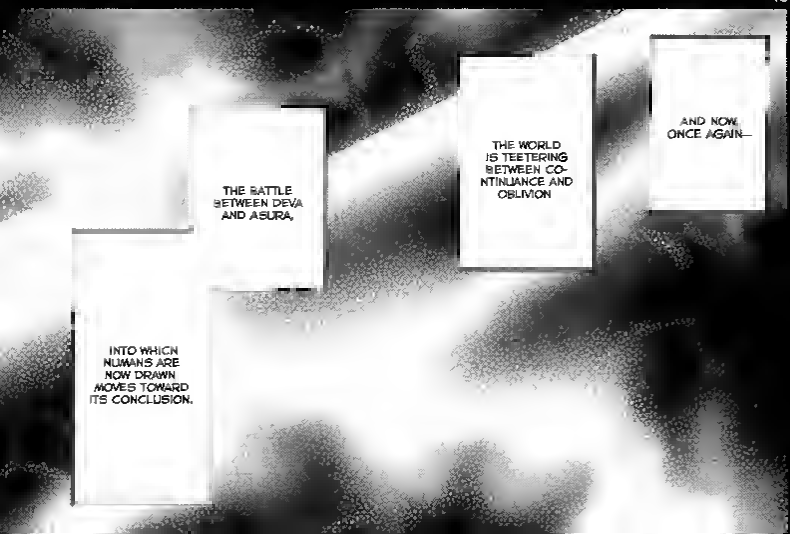
LIKE MOTHS TO A FLAME!! —NO THAT'S NOT RIGHT, THREE CHEERS FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION!!!
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE, AGNI.
GOD CAME~~~
though I'm a girl too
?
HUH? YOU KNOW THEM?

A LONG TIME AGO
IN ACTUALITY, BOTH DEVA AND ASURA ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FORMATION OF THIS WORLD.
DEVA FOR EVOLUTION ASURA FOR ELIMINATION
CREATION AND DESTRUCTION

UNRESTRAINED THE WORLD'S PLANTS AND ANIMALS FLOURISHED AND EVOLVED
MOST OF THE TIME DEVA DOMINATED THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THEM,
A TIME THAT HUMANS HAVE FORGOTTEN

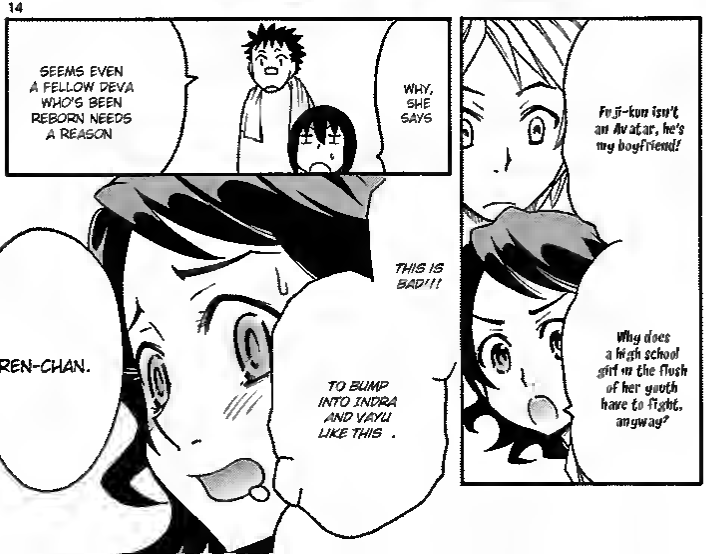
THE POWER BA LANCE BETWEEN DEVA AND ASURA BECAME VERY DELICATE
BUT WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE ASURA VRITRA,

IN THE MEAN- TIME HUMANS PROSPERED AND CAME TO DOMI- NATE THE WORLD AS ITS MASTER
THIS BALANCE LED TO A STANDSTILL.


AND NOW, ONCE AGAIN—
THE WORLD IS TEETERING BETWEEN CO- NTINUANCE AND OBLIVION
THE BATTLE BETWEEN DEVA AND ASURA,
INTO WHICH NUMANS ARE NOW DRAWN MOVES TOWARD ITS CONCLUSION.

You have to believe me, Fuji-kun!
These people belong to a new religion that believes in crackpot ideas like gods being reborn!
Who on earth is Agni!? My name is Kotohara Ren!

DESPERATE
PLUS YOU'RE WITH A GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE AVATAR MATERIAL!
QUIT FEIGNING IGNORANCE, AGNI!!


SEEMS EVEN A FELLOW DEVA WHO'S BEEN REBORN NEEDS A REASON
WHY, SHE SAYS
Fuji-kun isn't an Avatar, he's my boyfriend!
Why does a high school girl in the flush of her youth have to fight, anyway?
THIS IS BAD!!!
TO BUMP INTO INDRA AND VAYU LIKE THIS .
REN-CHAN.

I BELIEVE YOU!
THIS IS FATE.
BECAUSE I WAS BORN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING YOU!!
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TOO HASTY.
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THIS GUY HAS NO IDEA WHAT HE IS GETTING INTO
OH WELL.
WHO CARES.

SOME DAYS LATER
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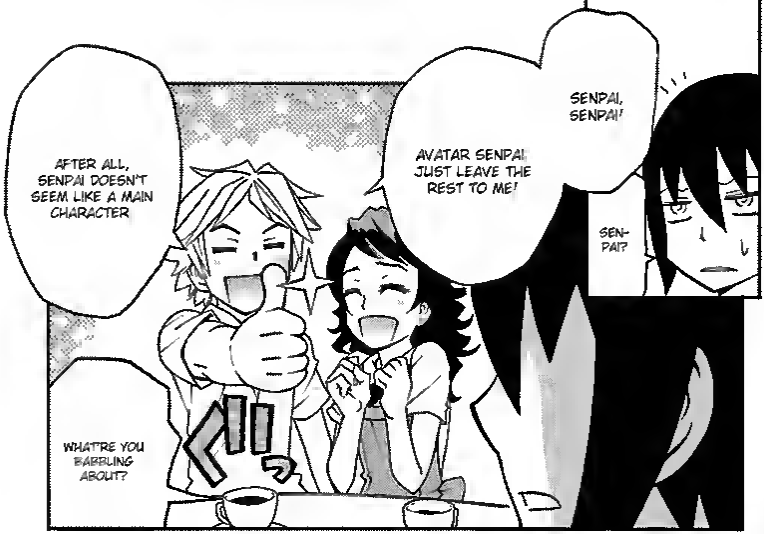
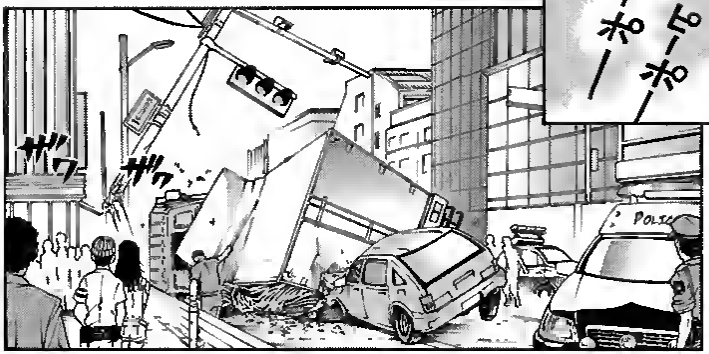
NO, NO, POKO's... ムラムラちゃう
AH, IT'S FROM INDRA.
NO FAIR! LEAVING ME ALONE WITH THEM!!
Welllll, our feelings for each other became even stronger since that happened.

YES, I AM THE ANGEL WHO PROTECTS HIS GODDESS.
OUR LOVE WILL CREATE A "MIRACLE" FOR THE WORLD TO WITNESS!


SENPAI, SENPAI!
AVATAR SENPAI! JUST LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
SEN-PAI?
AFTER ALL, SENPAI DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A MAIN CHARACTER
WHAT'RE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

KURANDO! WE'RE GOING

INDRA INTERCEPTED THE POLICE RADIO, SHE SAYS THERE'S AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF A NON-HUMAN ENTITY AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.
INTER-CEPTED...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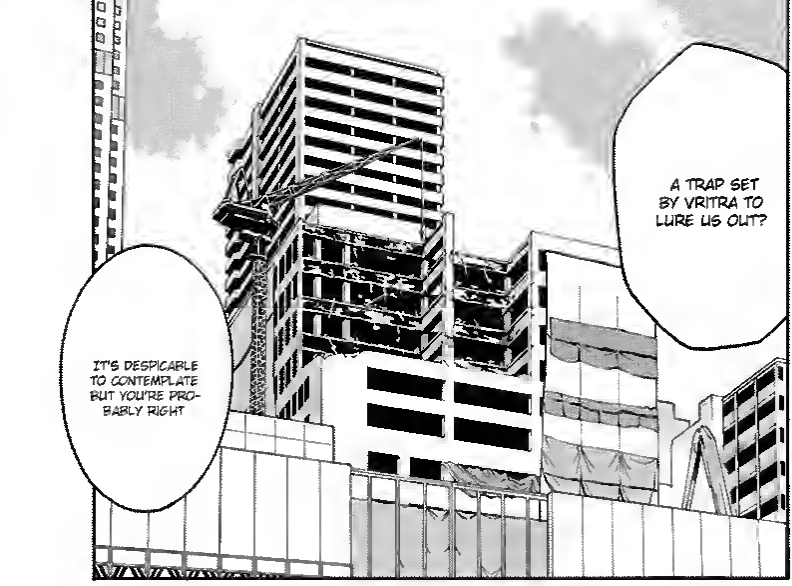
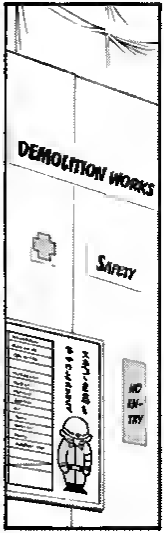
POLICE

INDRA!
...CALL ME AMANO WHEN THERE'S OTHERS AROUND

WITH 6 COUNTS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHERE THE CAR SUFFERS THE WORST, IT'S THIS CITY'S MOST RESTRICTED PLACE.
IT'S DEFINITELY AN ASURA'S DOING. THE OBJECTIVE IS...
THAT WOULD BE.


A TRAP SET BY VRITRA TO LURE US OUT?
IT'S DESPICABLE TO CONTEMPLATE BUT YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT

YOU GOT HERE EARLIER THAN I THOUGHT, SMART KIDDIES!!
GE HA HA HA HA!


DEMOLITION WORKS
SAFETY

Wow papa, such serenity, that's the charm adults have♡~~
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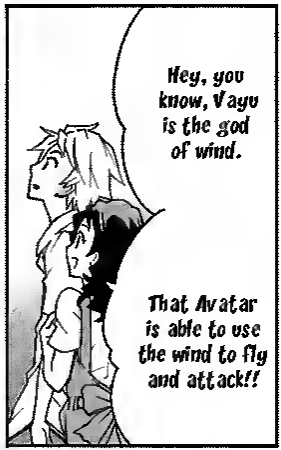
OVERCOMING THE TURBULENCE OF SOCIETY IS THE EASIEST WORK IN THE WORLD FOR ME~~
THAT'S...
DEFINITELY THE LEADER OF HOUJINKAI WHO WAS JUST RELEASED FROM PRISON... BUT WHY IS HE HERE?
Idiot couple♪
YOU CAN TALK...
NOW, WHAT SHALL I MAKE...
HMM?

THEY AIN'T VRITRA!!
They're not students.


Hey, you know, Vayu is the god of wind.
That Avatar is able to use the wind to fly and attack!!

WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR!?
JUST TRY AND HARM A SINGLE HAIR ON MY CUTE MAHISHA-CHAN'S HEAD.
YOUR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, I'LL SINK THE WHOLE LOT OF THEM IN TOKYO BAY. GET READY!!!
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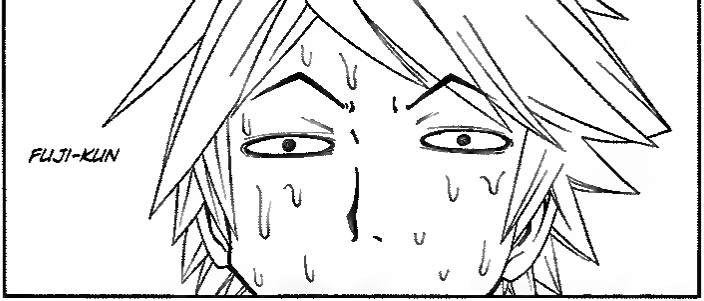
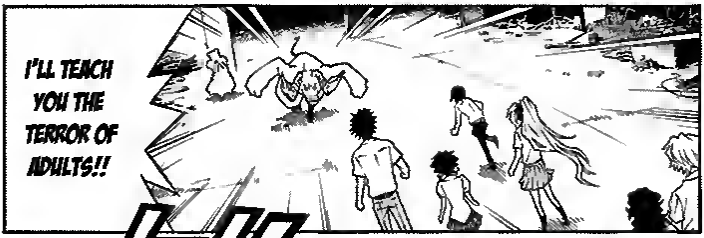
The princess carry was amazing~~ do it again~~♡


FUJI-KUN


I'LL TEACH YOU THE TERROR OF ADULTS!!

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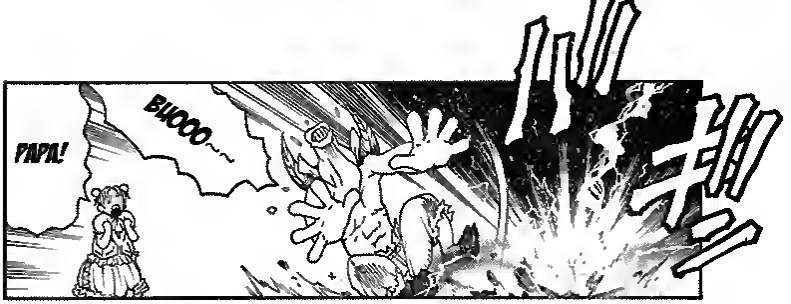
THIS IS WHERE EVERYONE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER, RIGHT? THEN, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO,
KAI-KUN!
カリ


PAPA!
BUOOO~~~
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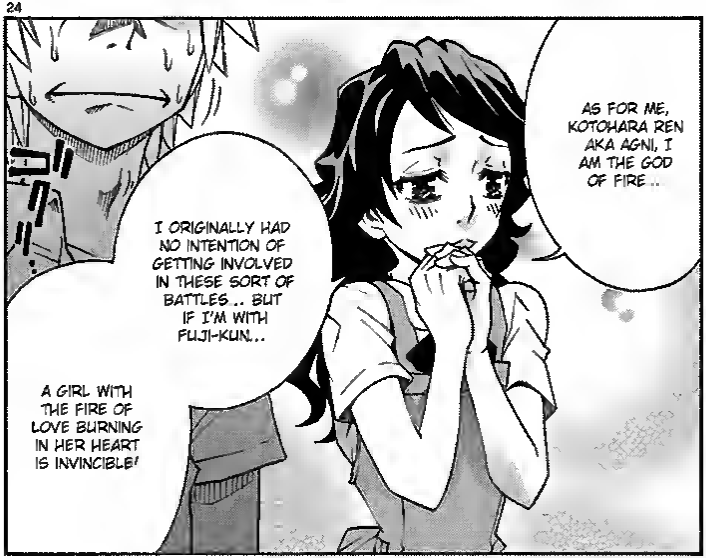
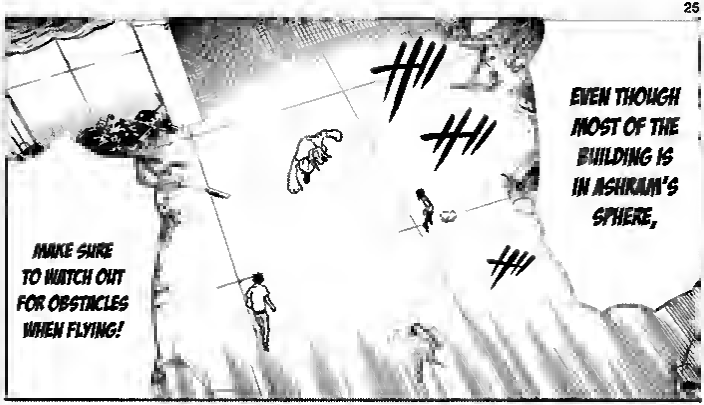
Vayo was pretty violent too, so they're birds of a feather!
Before being reborn, she had the worst personality and the strongest ability.
Indra is the god of thunder.


AS FOR ME, KOTOHARA REN AKA AGNI, I AM THE GOD OF FIRE..
I ORIGINALLY HAD NO INTENTION OF GETTING INVOLVED IN THESE SORT OF BATTLES .. BUT IF I'M WITH FUJI-KUN...
A GIRL WITH THE FIRE OF LOVE BURNING IN HER HEART IS INVINCIBLE!

GO KURANDO GO GO KURANDO!!
MAKE SURE YOU STAY WITHIN ASHIRAM'S SPHERE!
I'M USED TO IT...
THAT OUTFIT JUST FEELS NORMAL NOW.


EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE BUILDING IS IN ASHIRAM'S SPHERE,
MAKE SURE TO WATCH OUT FOR OBSTACLES WHEN FLYING!

ANIRA!!
(Wind's breath)
IT ITCHES!!
!
SPAR-SANA!
UGH...
(Wind's breath)

TCH... IT SURE IS HARD TO MOVE AROUND INSIDE...
!
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27
KAI-KUN!
I CAN'T FOCUS THE THUNDER.
IT'S ALSO FASTER THAN I IMAGINED!
UGH!
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME WITH A TOOTHPICK LIKE THAT!!
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ズバッ

ANIRA!!
スカ
ブン
(Wind s breath)
he was helping him... I think.
Let me explain,
…!!

BUT AS I'LL BE STICKING CLOSE BY YOU LIKE ALWAYS, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT♡
ASHRAM IS THE SPHERE IN WHICH OUR ABILITY CAN BE USED BY OUR AVATAR, MINE HAS A 37.5M RADIUS
HUH!? REVENGE!?
Yes... yes I'm sure that was it. I'll just make a note in my Revenge Notebook though.

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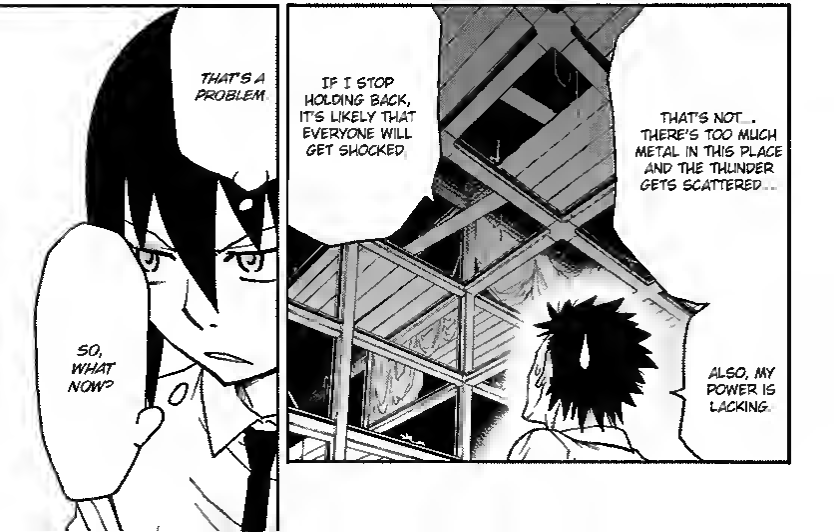
WELL, MAHISHA-CHAN, THIS IS AN ADULT'S STRENGTH
Papa's so cool! I love you!
YOU KNOW...
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
NAH, FOR NOW,
CAN YOU STOP HOLDING BACK WHEN YOU RELEASE THE THUNDER?
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I GET HIT TOO.


THAT'S NOT... THERE'S TOO MUCH METAL IN THIS PLACE AND THE THUNDER GETS SCATTERED...
IF I STOP HOLDING BACK, IT'S LIKELY THAT EVERYONE WILL GET SHOCKED.
ALSO, MY POWER IS LACKING.
THAT'S A PROBLEM.
SO, WHAT NOW?

CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING...
.....
I'M THINKING.
THINK, KURANDO!!
I'M GOING.
GO FOR IT, KURANDO!!
HM MM!?
WHAT A DULL REACTION MAYBE I SHOULD TRY A DIFFERENT APPROACH
Seeing Kurando~~ working so hard for her~~♪
Lisa Lisa is super happy♡
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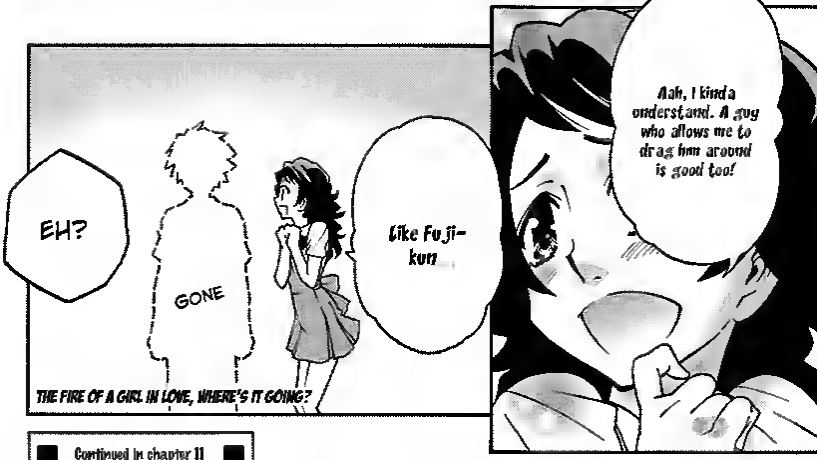
I'M SORRY
I DUNNO WHY, BUT I'LL APOLOGISE I'M SORRY
UNFORGI-VABLE!
THAT REACTION IS UNFORGI-VABLE!

KAI-KUN IS A GOOD BOY, TOO.
!!
YES!
WHAT'S WITH THEM!?
IS IT THAT? THE GIRLY MAN THAT'S IN VOGUE LATELY!!
ムフムフムフ
Papa is a completely manly man♡

I'LL POUND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN INTO YOU!!!
YOUNG MEN TODAY! A JAPANESE MALE, BEING MADE TO FOLLOW THREE STEPS BEHIND A FEMALE!!


EH?
GONE
Like Fuji-kun
Aah, I kinda understand. A guy who allows me to drag him around is good too!
THE FIRE OF A GIRL IN LOVE, WHERE'S IT GOING?

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IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER OF POPCORN AVATAR,
I, KOTOHARA REN, MUSTERED UP MY COURAGE AND TOLD FUJI-KUN, WHOM I LIKE VERY MUCH, THE TRUTH.
THAT I'M A DEVA
THE RESULT-
THE TWO OF US ACHIEVED TRUE LOVE AND EVERLASTING HAPPINESS.
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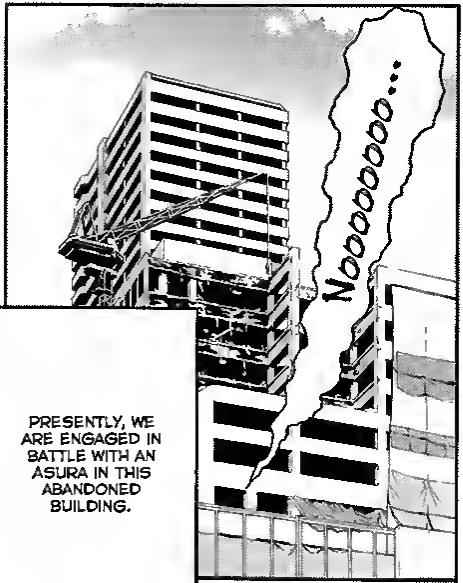
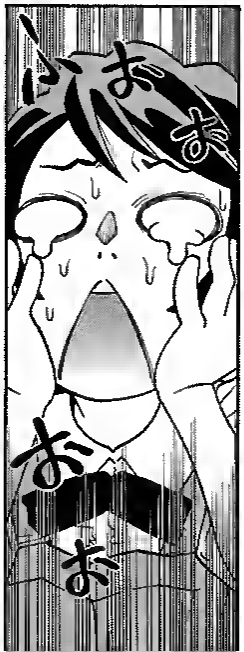
POPCORN AVATAR
AT THAT MOMENT,
No--
FUJI-KUN DISAP-PEARED!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY THOSE EVIL ASURA! FINE, I'LL USE THE POWER OF LOVE AND JUSTICE TO--
WRONG!

THE THIRD DEVA, KOTOHIRA REN, AKA AGNI. GOOD THING SHE FOUND AN AVATAR IN HER SWEETHEART, BUT...



PRESENTLY, WE ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH AN ASURA IN THIS ABANDONED BUILDING.



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VOLUME 2 GOES ON SALE FEB 18TH.
Although I'm a god... I'm at the age where I want to fall in love.
Chapter 11: An angelic girl
星野倖一郎
誌めるのはココだけ!
ウラサンデー
ORIGINAL CONTENTS

THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR PLACE FOR THAT...

BE NICE TO THE GIRL, KURANDO, SHE JUST GOT DUMPED!
THE ONE IN SHOCK AFTER CATCHING A USELESS MAN IS THE FEMALE PARTY!!

WIND'S POWER ISN'T HAVING ANY EFFECT ON THAT BULL-HEADED IDIOT...

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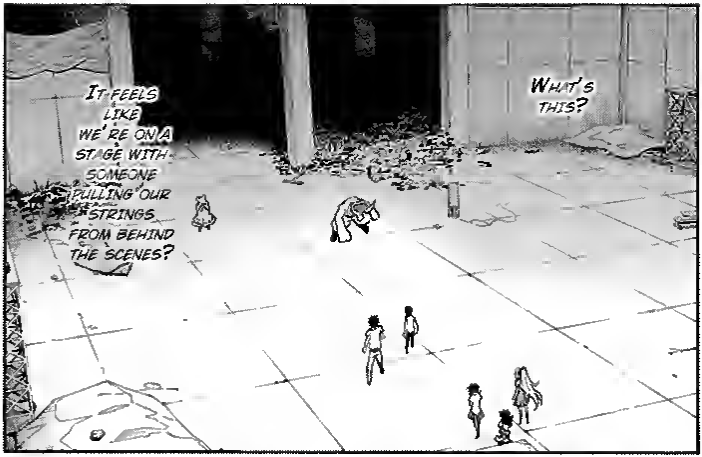
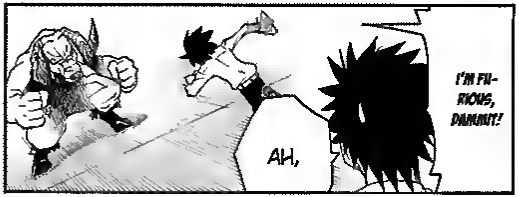
EVEN THOUGH I CAN MOVE AROUND, THE INSIDE OF THIS ROOM IS THE LIMIT
EVEN WORSE, KAI TELLS ME
HE HAS TO HOLD BACK THE THUNDER 'CAUSE WE'RE SURROUNDED BY METAL...


IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON A STAGE WITH SOMEONE PULLING OUR STRINGS FROM BEHIND THE SCENES?
WHAT'S THIS?


I'M FURIOUS, DAMMIT!
AH,

IT'S NOT THE ENEMY BEFORE US...
IS IT VRITRA!?

KURANDO!?

ANIRA!
(WIND'S BREATH)
6
!
PRO-
VATA...
(HEAD WIND)

ガラ…
KURANDO-KUN!!
KU-RANDO..
TCH

NOW LISTEN UP, YOU BRATS!!
WATER AND THUNDER...
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Woow
Papa, I'm shivering♡~~
AGAINST AN ADULT MALE LIKE ME WHO'S ACCEPTED THIS TRUTH, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING!!
THIS IS A DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD!
THERE'S NO WAY BRATS LIKE YOU CAN AMOUNT TO ANYTHING IN SOCIETY!!

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A GROWN MAN SAYING THOSE THINGS. WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING AN ADULT
HONESTLY. THE AVATARS ON THE SIDE OF THE ASURA ARE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS!
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YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE YOU'RE BEING USED BY VRITRA!!
WHAT'D YOU SAY, DAMN BRAT!!
DON'T HOLD BACK!!
KAI!
H, HERE!
THE WATER STORES ARE.
!

NO WAY~~~
PAPA ~~
WAAAAH... I WANTED TO BE TOGETHER A LITTLE LONGER...
SO THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN BY DISAPPEAR!!
IF I LOSE AMANO-SAN WILL ALSO !?

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……
THIS GUY WAS JUST SAYING HE'D HARM OUR FAMILIES
THAT'S ENOUGH, STOP NOW, KURANDO!
WE SHOULD MAKE IT SO HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO EVEN THINK IT AGAIN

THERE'S NO NEED TO ELIMINATE SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY BEEN THOROUGHLY DEFEATED!
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STOP… KIDDING AROUND!!
DON'T BE SO UPTIGHT ABOUT IT.

YOU GOT COMPLAINTS? THEN VOICE THEM NOW!!!

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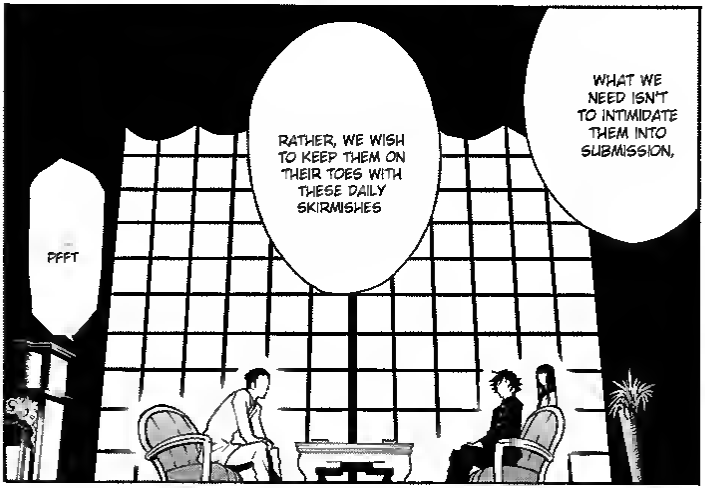
AH...
LEAVE HER ALONE.

WAAAH I HATE EVERYTHING

NO PROBLEM.
YOU SURE ABOUT USING SUCH A LOW LEVEL AVATAR?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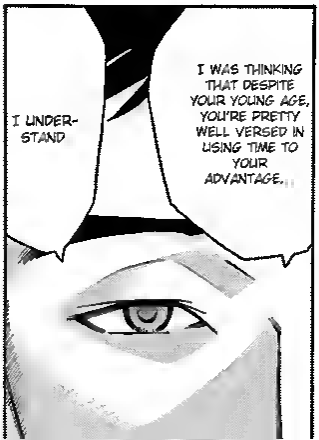
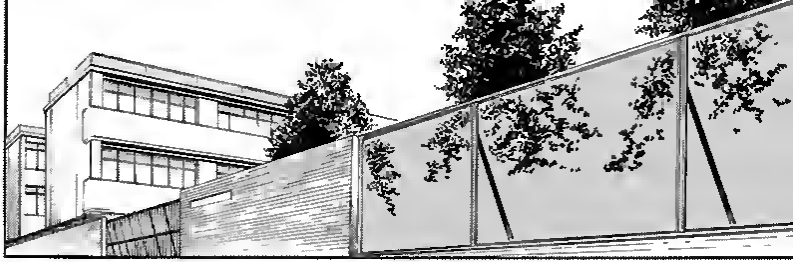
RATHER, WE WISH TO KEEP THEM ON THEIR TOES WITH THESE DAILY SKIRMISHES
WHAT WE NEED ISN'T TO INTIMIDATE THEM INTO SUBMISSION,

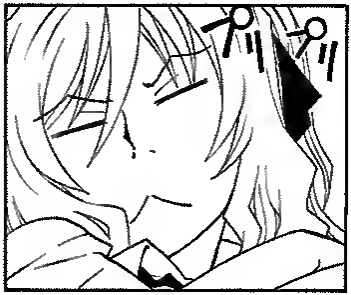

I UNDER-STAND
I WAS THINKING THAT DESPITE YOUR YOUNG AGE, YOU'RE PRETTY WELL VERSED IN USING TIME TO YOUR ADVANTAGE...

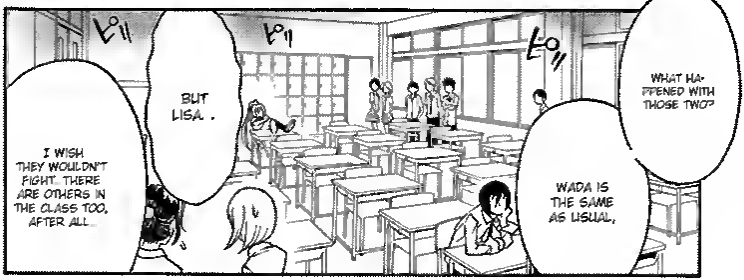
OH, THAT WAS RUDE OF ME...
WHAT?

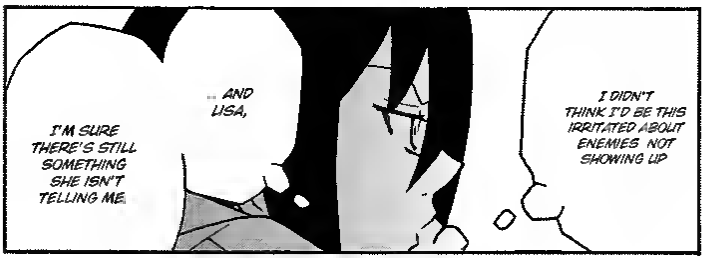
WE, THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT ABOUT THIS MATTER.
IT IS AT MY DISCRETION THAT
AVATARS ARE CONTINUING TO BE SUPPLIED TO YOU.

FOR THE FUTURE WE ENVISION






WHAT HAPPENED WITH THOSE TWO?
WADA IS THE SAME AS USUAL.
BUT LISA.
I WISH THEY WOULDN'T FIGHT. THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE CLASS TOO, AFTER ALL...


I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE THIS IRRITATED ABOUT ENEMIES NOT SHOWING UP
... AND LISA,
I'M SURE THERE'S STILL SOMETHING SHE ISN'T TELLING ME.

DAMN KURANDO!
DEVA USING THE SAME METHODS AS AGURA DOESN'T MEAN ANY-THING!
ANXIETY? THERE'S NO WAY!!
KU-RANDO
IF WE LOSE, I'LL DISAP-PEAR FROM THIS WORLD
KU-RANDO ..
NOT TELLING HIM "THAT" MIGHT BE SELFISH OF ME...
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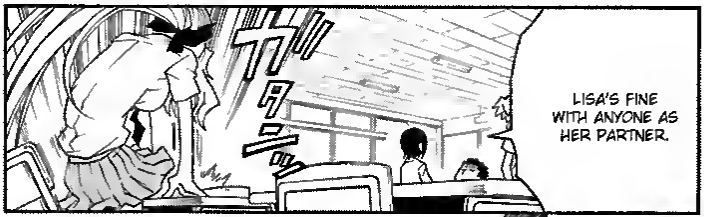
HEY WADA~~ GO APOLOGIZE TO LISA.
HUH!?
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE WRONG, DO A DOGEZA!
WHEN LISA GETS ANGRY THE WHOLE ATMO-SPHERE IN THE CLASS GETS SO HEAVY IT'S UN-BEARABLE
self study

RAL: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW * A DOGEZA IS A BOW, WHERE ONE KNEELS DOWNS AND TOUCHES HIS HEAD TO THE GROUND

I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE ON ABOUT!
AFTER ALL, YOU AND LISA ALREADY DID THAT AND THAT


LISA'S FINE WITH ANYONE AS HER PARTNER.

NOT JUST ANYONE IS FINE!!!
DOOFHEAD KURANDO!!

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Ouch, that hurt...
RETURN TO YOUR CORNERS!
DON'T BE OFFENDED, LISA!!
GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY, HUHHH!?
HE MIGHT NEED A STRETCHER!
THERE'S NO WAY AN M CAN REBEL AGAINST AN S!
NO WAY~~ THEY WERE GETTING ALONG SO WELL...
DOESN'T LISA AND WADA'S FIGHT TODAY SEEM REALLY SERIOUS?

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YOU OKAY? READY FOR ANOTHER ROUND?
GUH,
OWWW,
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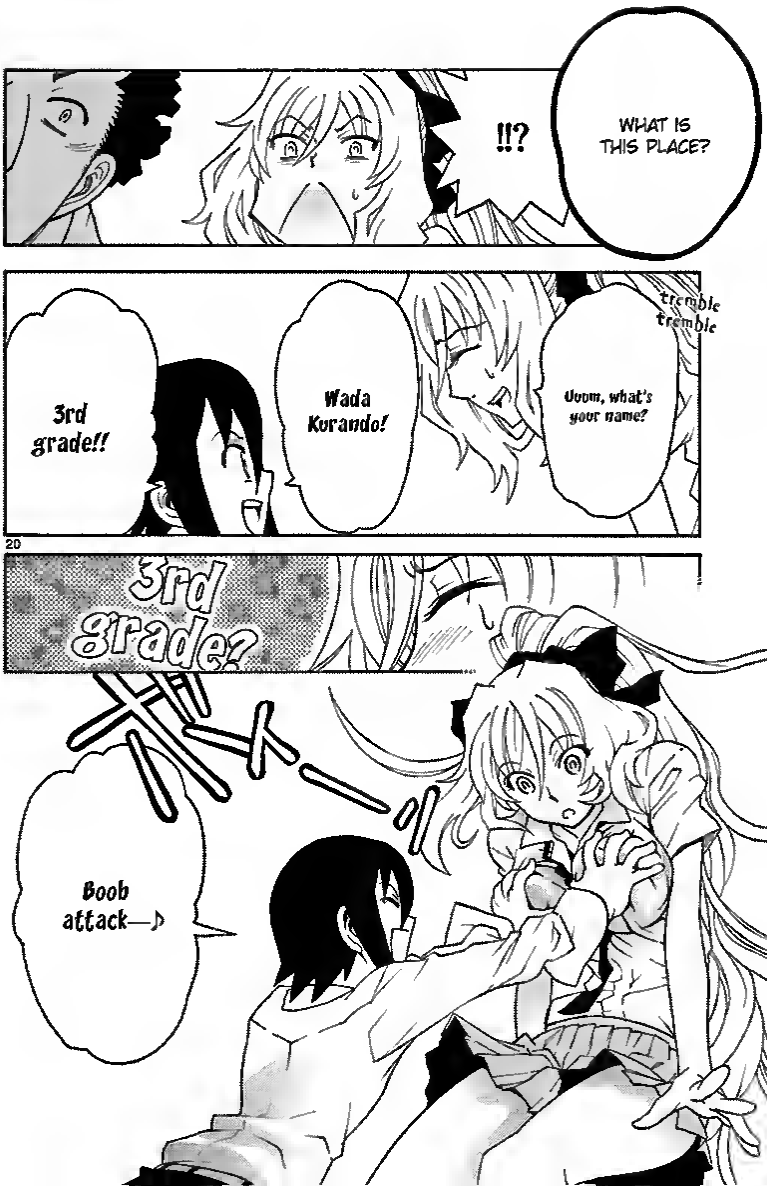
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WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
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3RD GRADE!!?
AMNESIA... NO MEMORY REGRESSION...!?
"BOOB ATTACK", HOW LOW!
ISN'T THAT A CRIME FOR A 16 YEAR OLD?
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A, ALWAYS... QUIT TOUCHING THE...
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AH,
ARE YOU THE BLONDE GIRL WHO WAS CRYING IN THE PARK?
!!?

WHOA,
WHAT IS THIS!!
HOW DID I GET SO BIG!?
GUESS NOT. YOUR BOOBS ARE TOO BIG..?
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UMBRELLA IN A TYPHOON!!
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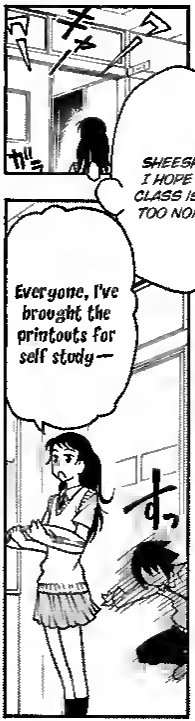
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SHEESH . I HOPE MY CLASS ISN'T TOO NOISY.
Everyone, I've brought the printouts for self study—
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Ahahaha! White— plain panties—♪
KYAA AAAA AAAH
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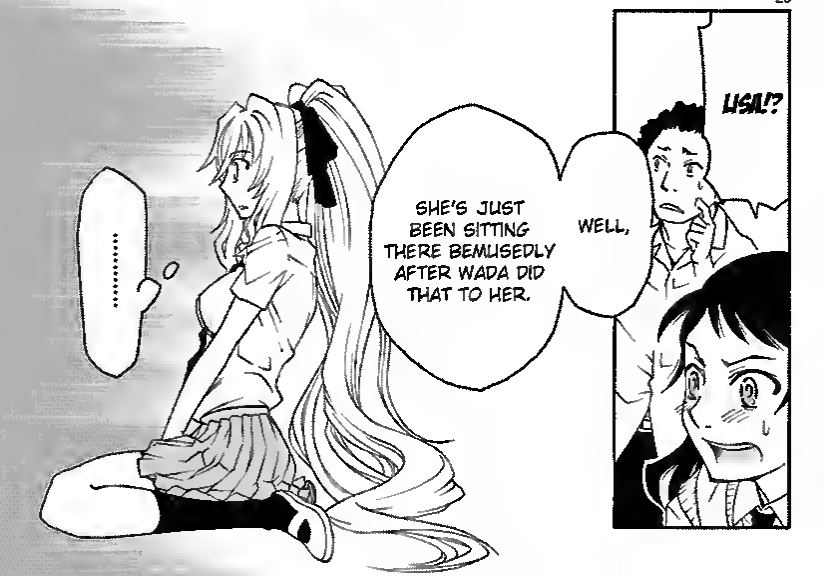
...BUT, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
3RD GRADE!?
AND LISA!?
HE SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL!!
THIS IS A SHOCKING REVELATION
WA, WAWAWA WADA-KUN!
HOW DID THAT BECOME THE CURRENT WADA?
THIS IS BAD THE CURRENT SITUATION IS PRETTY FUNNY, BUT TO THINK THAT PERVERTED KID IS WADA...


LISA!?
WELL,
SHE'S JUST BEEN SITTING THERE BEMUSEDLY AFTER WADA DID THAT TO HER.
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I FOUND A HERCULES BEETLE!!
OVER THERE, DON'T MOVE!!
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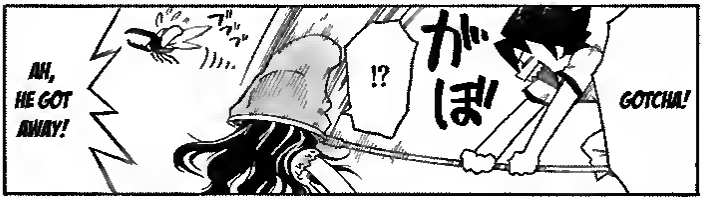
GOTCHA!
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!?
AH, HE GOT AWAY!

AH, SORRY, SORRY...
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HM?
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THAT WAS A HERCULES BEETLE!!
IT'S NATIVE TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD!!
AWESOME, RIGHT!? YET THAT ONE GREW THAT BIG IN JAPAN!!

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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, COME HERE!
THAT'S INK!!
HUH?
I DID THIS MYSELF...
NO ONE.
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HOW HORRIBLE WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
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IT'S SO BLACK IT WON'T GO BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL COLOR
ACHA~~ THIS RIBBON'S DONE FOR.
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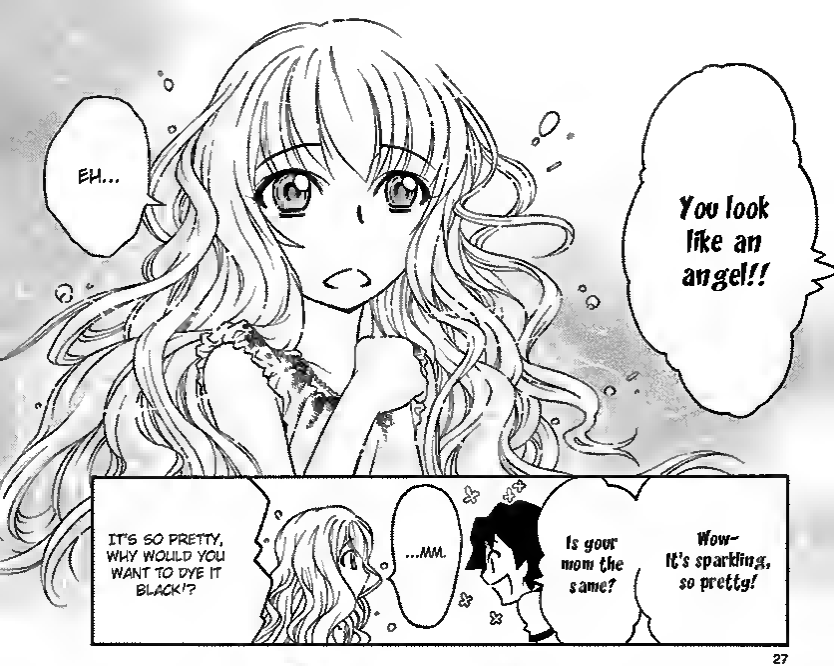
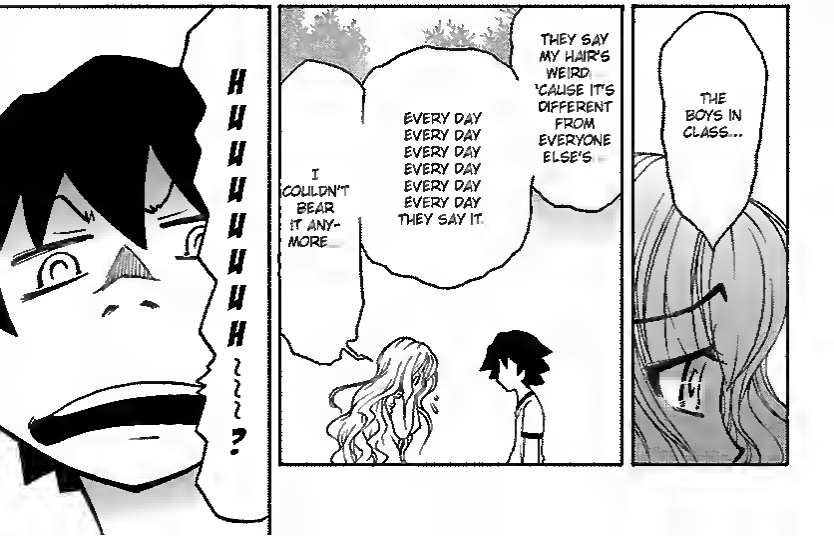

EH...
You look like an angel!!
IT'S SO PRETTY, WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DYE IT BLACK!?
...MM.
Is your mom the same?
Wow- It's sparkling, so pretty!


HUUUUUUH~~?
I COULDN'T BEAR IT ANY-MORE...
EVERY DAY EVERY DAY EVERY DAY EVERY DAY EVERY DAY EVERY DAY THEY SAY IT.
THEY SAY MY HAIR'S WEIRD 'CAUSE IT'S DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE'S...
THE BOYS IN CLASS...

"ホゥ"
You should be proud of it!
Your mother and father gave you this.

IF YOU'RE STILL DEPRESSED THEN...
THEN SEND THOSE IDIOTIC BOYS FLYING!!
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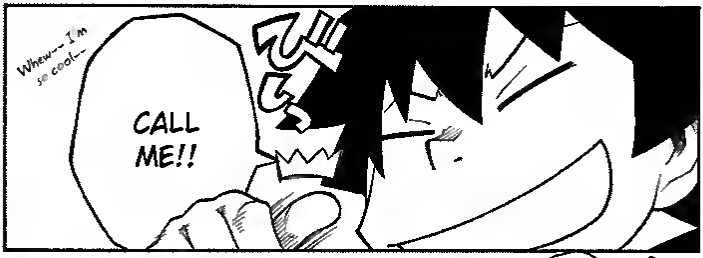
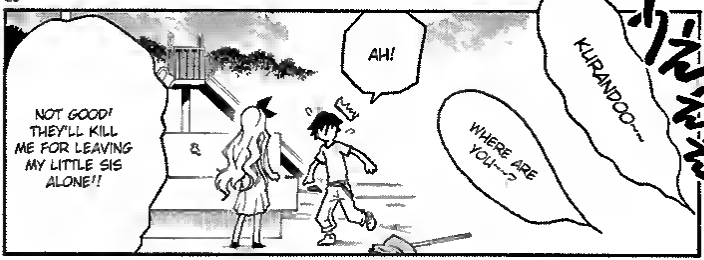
You don't dislike your hair, right?


Whew~~ I'm so cool~
CALL ME!!


NOT GOOD! THEY'LL KILL ME FOR LEAVING MY LITTLE SIS ALONE!!
AH!
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KUURANDOO~~
WHERE ARE YOU~~?
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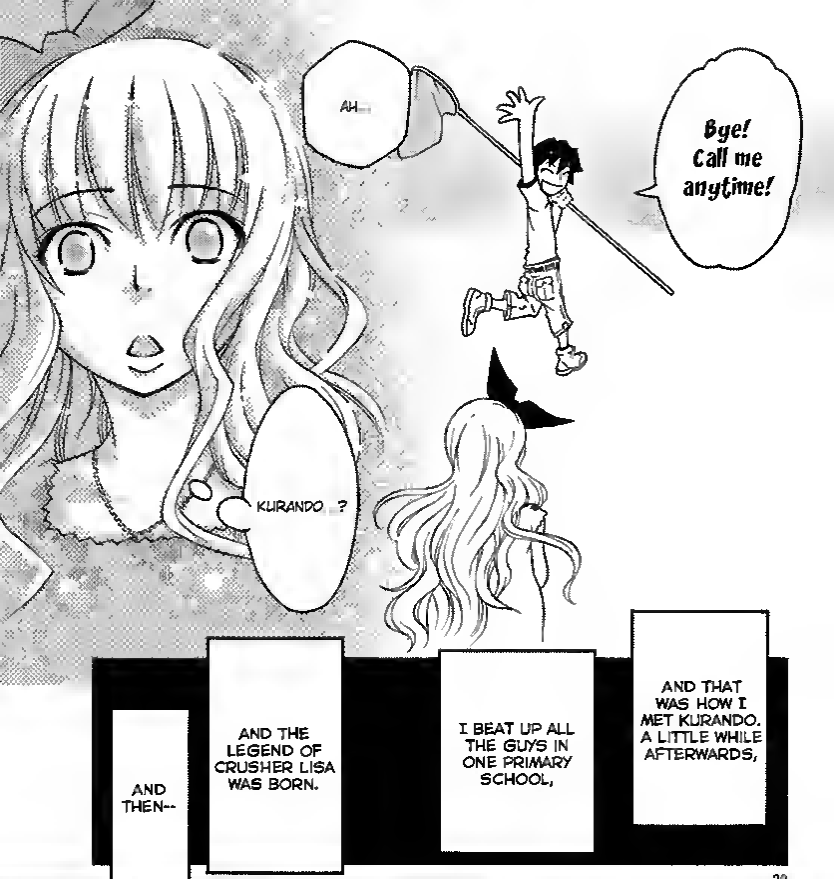
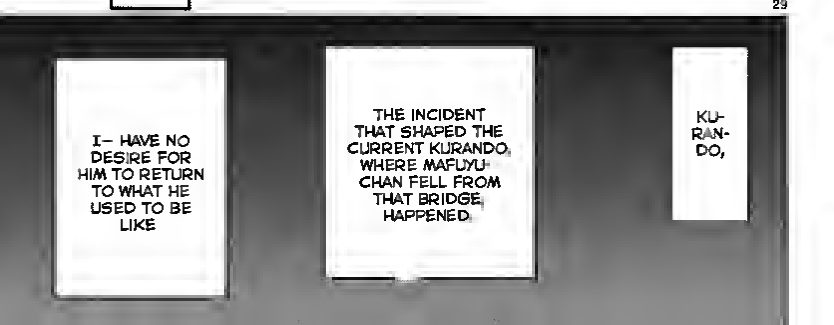

Bye! Call me anytime!
AH...
KURANDO...?
AND THEN--
AND THE LEGEND OF CRUSHER LISA WAS BORN.
I BEAT UP ALL THE GUYS IN ONE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
AND THAT WAS HOW I MET KURANDO. A LITTLE WHILE AFTERWARDS,


I-- HAVE NO DESIRE FOR HIM TO RETURN TO WHAT HE USED TO BE LIKE
THE INCIDENT THAT SHAPED THE CURRENT KURANDO, WHERE MAFUYU-CHAN FELL FROM THAT BRIDGE, HAPPENED.
KU-RAN-DO,

I'D LIKE TO GIVE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT KURANDO.
IT'S JUST, WHAT I RECEIVED FROM KURANDO AT THAT TIME,
NOT JUST ANYONE IS FINE EVER SINCE THAT DAY, MY AVATAR WAS INTENDED TO BE KURANDO.

YOU WON'T GET AWAY!!!

WADA, YOU ALIVE!?

DON'T GET ABOVE YOURSELF!!

WADA'S BACK TO NORMAL!!
disappointed
I... WHAT WAS I DOING?

FROM THIS DAY FORTH, WADA KURANDO,
WOULD RECEIVE THE FERVENT SUPPORT OF CERTAIN GUYS,
AND BE VIEWED BY GIRLS IN THE SAME LIGHT AS A BUG.
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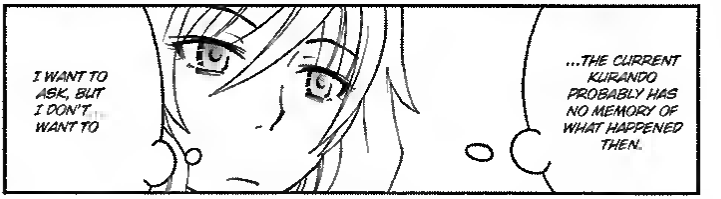
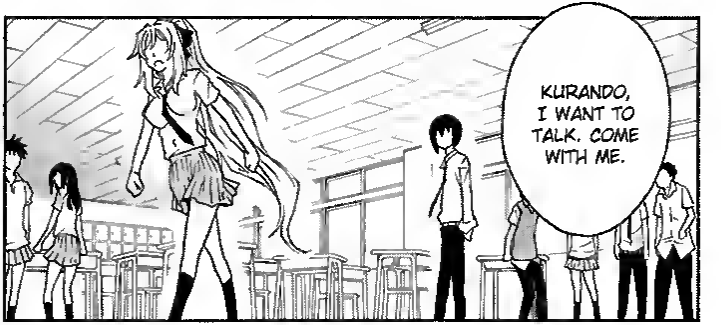

...THE CURRENT KURANDO PROBABLY HAS NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED THEN.
I WANT TO ASK, BUT I DON'T WANT TO


KURANDO, I WANT TO TALK. COME WITH ME.

A fight? A fight?
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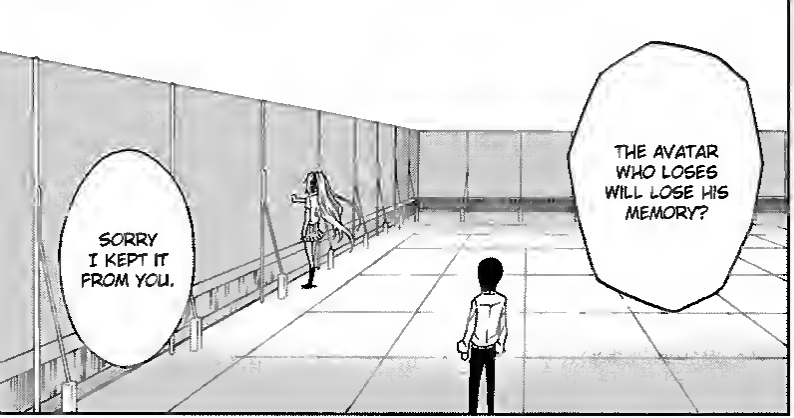
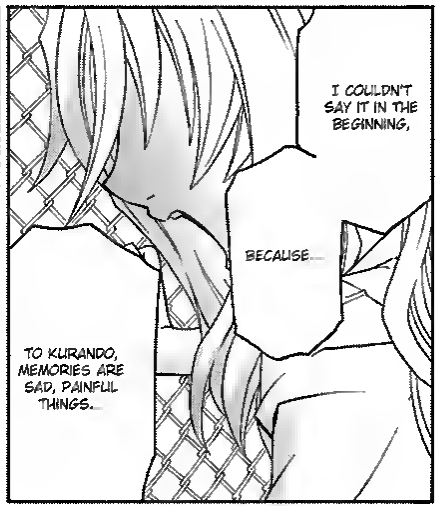
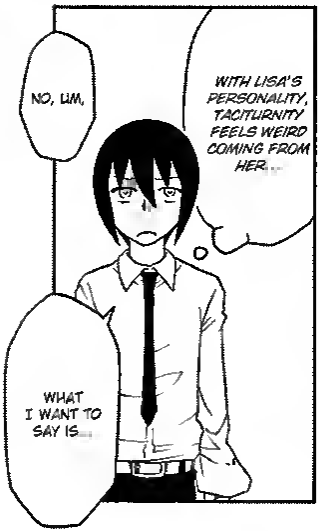

THE AVATAR WHO LOSES WILL LOSE HIS MEMORY?
SORRY I KEPT IT FROM YOU.

THEN THE AVATARS OF THE ASURA WE DEFEATED...
WON'T REMEMBER THEIR TIME AS AN AVATAR.


I COULDN'T SAY IT IN THE BEGINNING,
BECAUSE...
TO KURANDO, MEMORIES ARE SAD, PAINFUL THINGS...


WITH LISA'S PERSONALITY, TACITURNITY FEELS WEIRD COMING FROM HER...
NO, LIM,
WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS...

THE WAY I AM, I MIGHT NOT SEEM ANXIOUS OR ANYTHING,
BUT I'M OFTEN SERIOUS!
AND... I WANT YOU TO BELIEVE ONE THING!!
KURANDO IS THE ONLY ONE FOR ME!!

!!?
THAT IS...
BECAUSE OF LISA, MY REASONS FOR NOT LOSING HAVE INCREASED! SO...
I,
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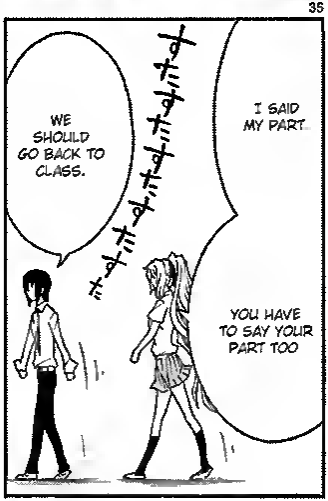
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...I CAN'T EXPRESS THIS VERY WELL--

UH!
SAY IT, BE A MAN--!!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I SAID MY PART.
WE SHOULD GO BACK TO CLASS.
YOU HAVE TO SAY YOUR PART TOO

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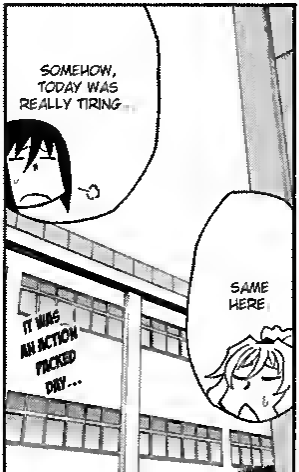
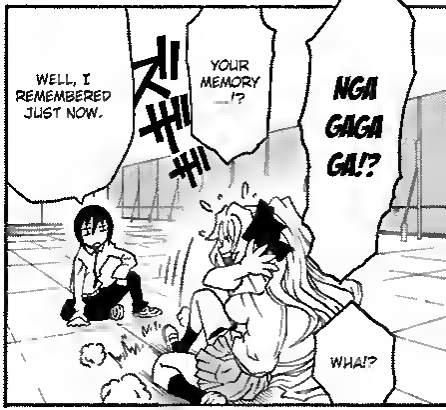
OUCH!
QUIT NAGGING ME, LISA!!





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A DREAM OF THAT TIME, IN THAT PLACE
A DREAM
POPCORN AVATAR
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I...
MAFUYU
I FEEL SAD WHEN BIG BROTHER IS SAD.
BUT...
IT'S DANGEROUS... YOU'LL FALL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
MA...
ME, AND
BIG BRO-THER

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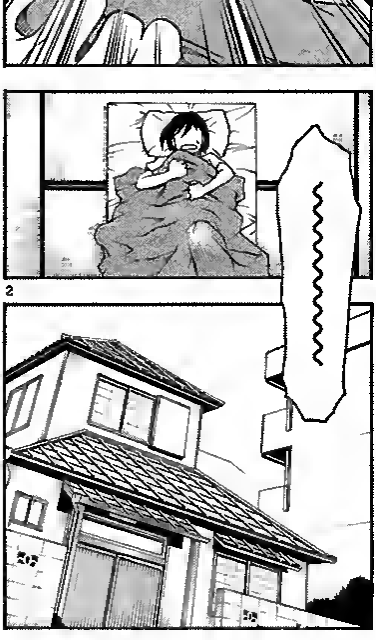
FUYU...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POPCORN AVATAR

★ THE NIGHLY ANTICIPATED VOLUME 2 NOW IN STORES!!!!!

Chapter 12: Siblings and siblings

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ORIGINAL CONTENTS

I'M IN A COLD SWEAT!

WHAT A VIVID DREAM...
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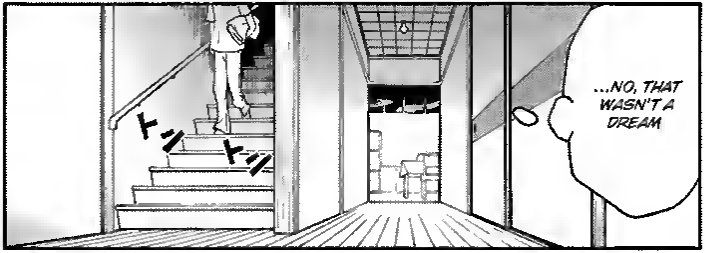
...NO, THAT WASN'T A DREAM
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EVEN THOUGH THE SCENE WAS SO CLEAR, THERE WAS ONE THING...
IT WAS A MEMORY.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT MAFUYU SAID AFTER THAT
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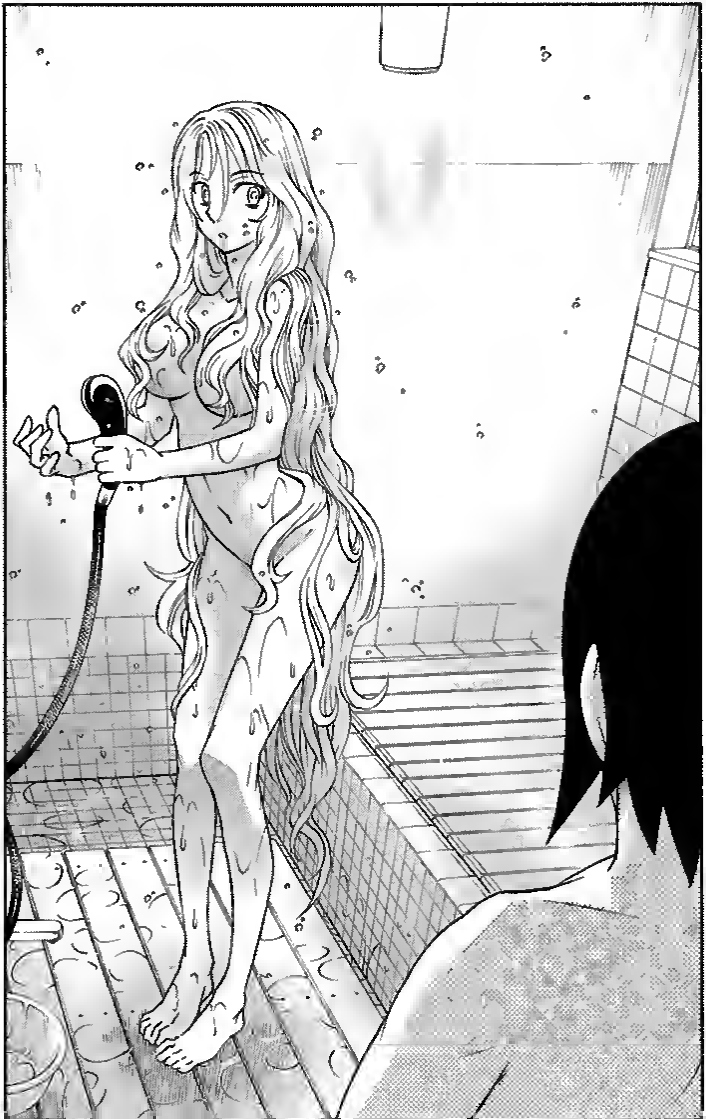

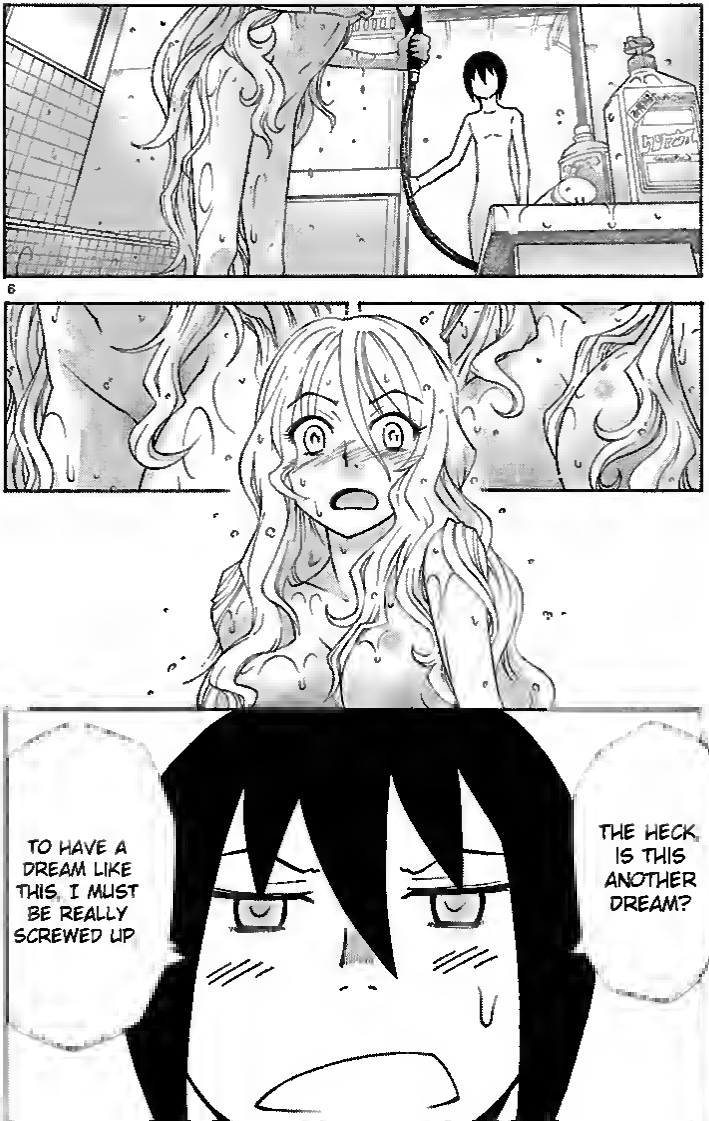
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THE HECK IS THIS ANOTHER DREAM?
TO HAVE A DREAM LIKE THIS, I MUST BE REALLY SCREWED UP

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IT'S NO DREAM!
OWW..
I GOT EL-
BOWED IN
THE FACE
AND IT'S
STILL SO
EARLY IN THE
MORNING.
IT'S
ALREADY
NOON!!
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AND WHY
WOULD YOU
BE IN SOME-
ONE ELSE'S
BATHROOM?
THAT'S ALL
YOU HAVE TO SAY
AFTER SEEING MY
PERFECT BODY? A
WHOLE HEAP OF
COMPLAINTS!?
LISA-CHAN
WAS HELPING ME
PREPARE LUNCH,
BUT UPTURNED A
SUGAR JAR FOR
PICKLING ON
HER HEAD...
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SHUT IT, CRUDE BOY.
SO UN-COUTH.
YEEES, GRANDMA.
CRU ..
YOUR CLOTHES ARE DRYING RIGHT NOW, SO IN THE MEANTIME WEAR THAT.
BECAUSE LISA-CHAN IS TALL.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE WORN A YUKATA, I'M VERY HAPPY♪
IT SUITS YOU WELL.
RIGHT? KURANDO.
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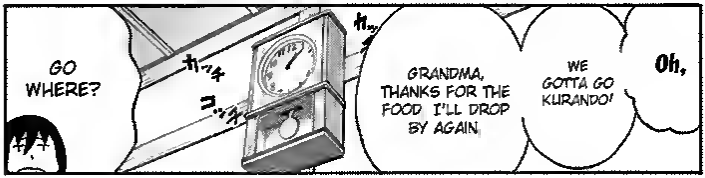
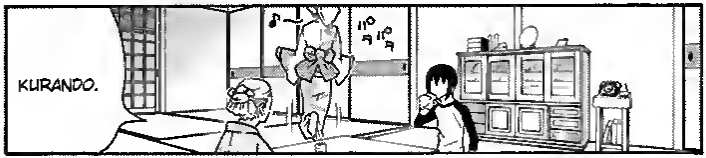
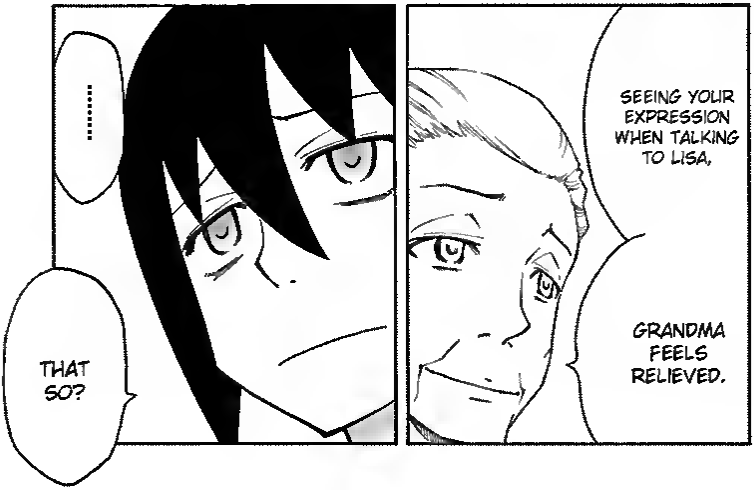
THIS MUST BE ANOTHER KIND OF COSPLAY.
MM.
I GUESS...
WOW! SO HONEST!
MY, SO HE IS THAT'S RARE COMING FROM THIS KID.


Oh,
WE GOTTA GO KURANDO!
GRANDMA, THANKS FOR THE FOOD I'LL DROP BY AGAIN.
GO WHERE?


KURANDO.


SEEING YOUR EXPRESSION WHEN TALKING TO LISA,
GRANDMA FEELS RELIEVED.
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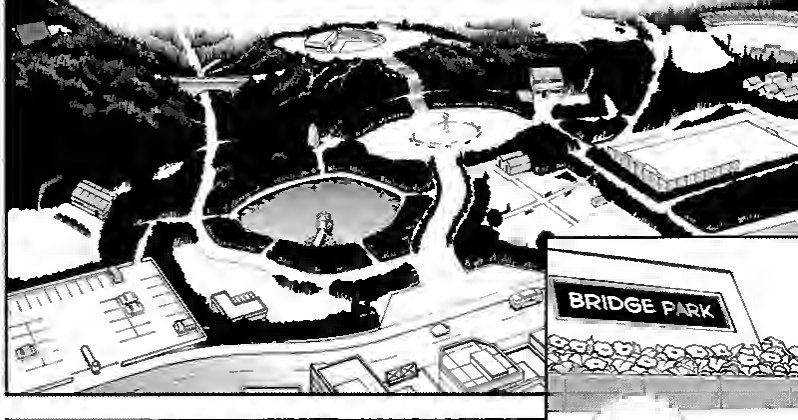
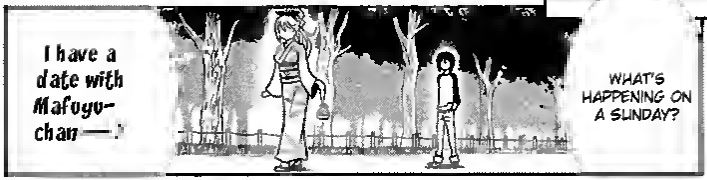
THAT SO?


BRIDGE PARK


I have a date with Mafuyu-chan——♪
WHAT'S HAPPENING ON A SUNDAY?

I AM INCREDIBLE.
...YOU'RE INCREDIBLE.

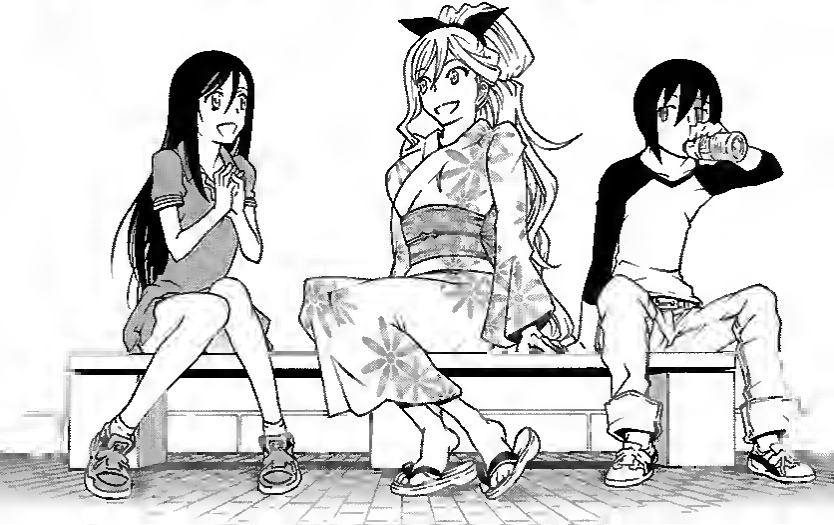
I SAW MAFUYU IN MY DREAM TODAY AND BECAME WORRIED.
I MEAN...

Hee♡
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER.
THERE SHE IS!
Maaa-fuyu-chaaaan♡

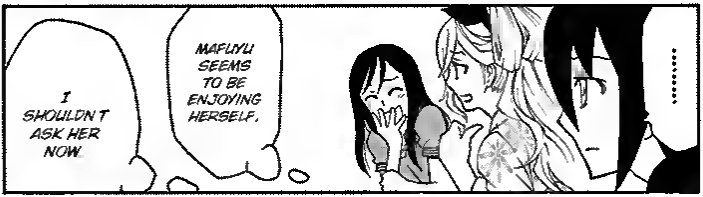
LISA-SAN, WHAT A LOVELY YUKATA!
Your grandma helped me put it on♪
I SEE. GRANDMA DOES A CLASS FOR HOW TO WEAR TRADITIONAL CLOTHING.
Wow~~! Then let's both wear kimonos on New Years♡
DID THE SUGAR FROM THE JAR GET THROUGH?

YOU SEEM WELL.
Yes, very well!
AND BIG BROTHER'S COMPLEXION'S BECOME BRIGHTER!

COMPLEXION.
MAFUYU-CHAN, LISTEN TO THIS, KURANDO, HE...
BIG BROTHER IS SO...
WHAT KINDA TALK IS THAT?!



Aha haha ha!
I RECKON... OVER 45 KG?
WHAT!? YOU GOTTA GAIN MORE WEIGHT!!
...HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH?
WATER.
WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING, KURANDO?


I SHOULDN'T ASK HER NOW.
MAFUYU SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HERSELF.
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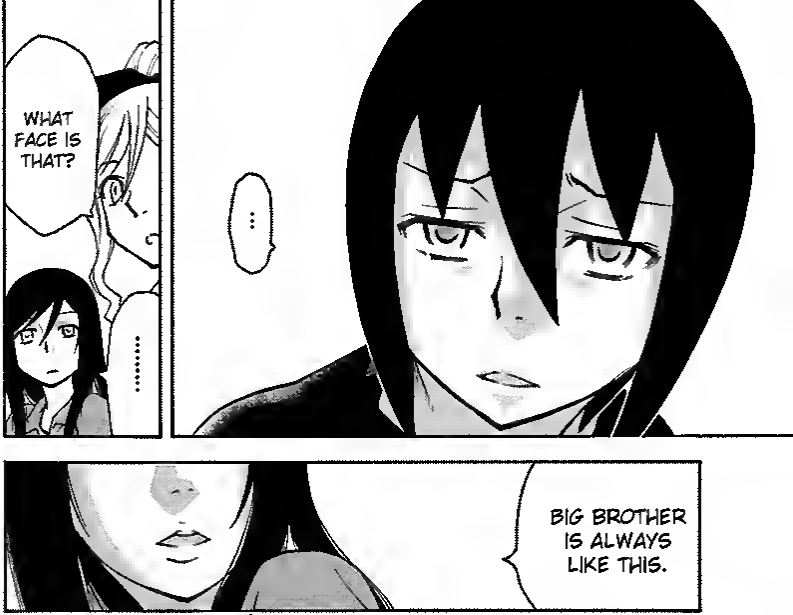
MOTHER SAID YOU SHOULD SHOW YOUR FACE AT HOME ONCE IN A WHILE.
OH YEAH, BIG BROTHER!

IT'S NAGGING AT ME.
MAFUYU'S WORDS AT THAT TIME, WHICH I CAN'T REMEMBER.


WHAT FACE IS THAT?
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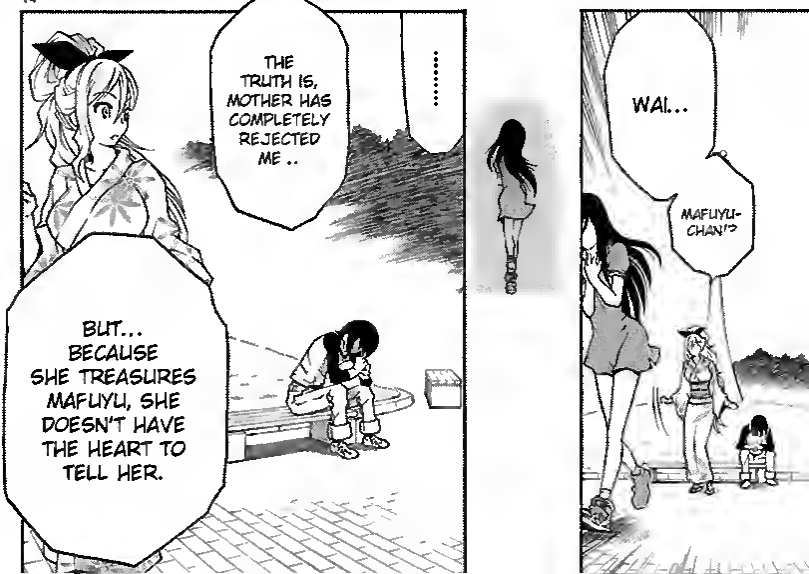
BIG BROTHER IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.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THE TRUTH IS, MOTHER HAS COMPLETELY REJECTED ME ..
BUT... BECAUSE SHE TREASURES MAFUYU, SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HER.
WAI...
MAFUYU-CHAN!?

LETTING MAFUYU GET INJURED
LEFT MOTHER WITH PAINFUL MEMORIES, I UNDERSTAND THAT!
BUT, I!
EVEN THOUGH ME AND MAFUYU ARE TWINS...!
THERE ARE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN'T BE DONE NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY!!
I DON'T WANT TO, YET I KNOW IT WELL...
RUNNING AWAY FROM MOTHER AND MAFUYU, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...!!

KURANDO CAN DO IT!!!

BUT FOR NOW, GO AFTER MAFUYU-CHAN!!
OR YOU'LL BE HATED!!!
KUH ...!
THERE'S JUST NO HELPING IT, SHEESH!

DAMMIT!
THIS PARK TO TOO GIGANTIC AND COMPLI-CATED, GEEZ!
.THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
BUT, FOR LISA TO SAY I'LL BE HATED...
SHE'S A DIFFICULT ONE

AH.
NO, IT'S MY FAULT..
BEG PARDON.
DID YOU SEE A FEMALE GIRL WITH LONG BLACK HAIR?
EH?
NO, NO, THIS IS WHERE KURANDO HAS TO STEP IN!
SHOULD I FOLLOW THEM~~?
I'M REALLY WOR-RIED~~

I'M LOOKING FOR MY OLDER SISTER.
SHE HAS A WEAK CONSTITUTION, SO I'M WORRIED ..
Eh, ah!
WELL, I MADE MY LITTLE SISTER MAD, AND SHE MIGHT'VE GONE THIS WAY..
WHAT AM I SAYING?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS PARK, AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO SEARCH.
SAME HERE!
HOW ABOUT THIS! WE'LL EACH KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE OTHER.
IF WE FIND SOMEONE THAT FITS THE DESCRIPTION THEN, UMM..
WE'LL MEET UP AT THE CLOCK-TOWER AT THE CENTER OF THIS PARK TO EXCHANGE.
OKAY.
I HOPE WE FIND THEM.
ME TOO!

BIG BROTHER IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING PAINFUL OR THAT HE DOESN'T LIKE,
HE SQUINTS UP HIS EYES AS IF HE DOESN'T SEE THEM.

I CAN'T...
STAND IT WITH JUST THE TWO OF US, MOTHER AND I...
MAFUYU!!!

NO GOOD, IT'S JUST LIKE THAT TIME!!
UMM...
UH,
IT'S DANGEROUS! YOU'LL FALL!
HUFF
IF I DON'T SAY SOMETHING...
WHY IS IT A BRIDGE AGAIN!?
HUFF
RASP
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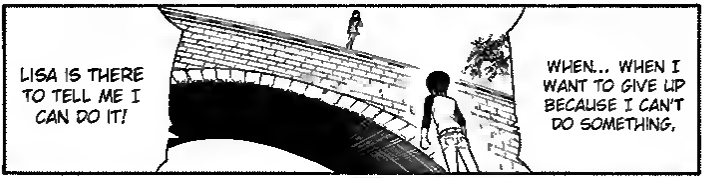
Lisa told me she wanted me!!

LISA IS ALWAYS COMPLETELY OPEN AND SINCERE ABOUT HER FEELINGS!
.....?
BIG BRO-THER?
SINCERELY LAUGHING, SINCERELY ANGRY. AND SHE'S ALSO SINCERE WHEN SHE'S BEATING ME UP!
LISA WON'T EVER LIE TO HERSELF OR TO ME!!


WHEN... WHEN I WANT TO GIVE UP BECAUSE I CAN'T DO SOMETHING,
LISA IS THERE TO TELL ME I CAN DO IT!

I...
DON'T DIS-LIKE BEING WITH LISA!!
.....

HUH!?
FOR SOME REASON WHAT'S COMING OUT OF MY MOUTH ISN'T WHAT I'M THINKING!?
...MA-FUYU?
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Wow, geez big brother!
Aha-ha-ha-ha-hah!
I heard super embar-rassing confession!!
H,
HEEY, DON'T LAUGH SO HARD IN THAT KIND OF PLACE, IT'S DANGEROUS..
Geez ~~~~
AH...

WHY DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO US!!
MAFU-YU!!
!!?
I REMEMBER! I'M SO DIM-WITTED..
RUNNING AWAY BY MYSELF, DELIBERATELY FORGETTING MAFUYU'S WORDS!!

MOTHER AND THE RELATIVES KEPT SQUABBLING, AND I COULDN'T STAND BEING IN THAT PLACE ANY LONGER...

THAT DAY WAS GRANDPA'S FUNERAL, BUT GRANDMA WAS THE ONLY ONE SAD.

WE TALKED ABOUT WHETHER WE'D ALSO BECOME THE KIND OF ADULTS WHO WON'T BE SAD, NO MATTER WHO DIES.

I BROUGHT MAFUYU WITH ME TO THAT BRIDGE.

AND BETWEEN US.

I FEEL SAD WHEN BIG BROTHER IS SAD, BUT—

BUT, IF WE BECAME COMPLETELY EMOTIONLESS, WON'T THAT BE THE SADDEST THING OF ALL?

I DON'T MAKE YOU THINK THOSE THINGS ANYMORE!!!

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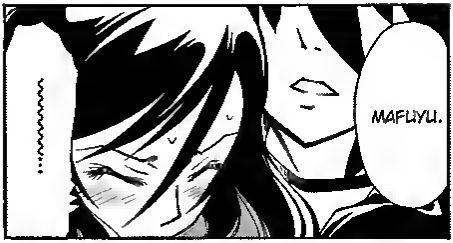
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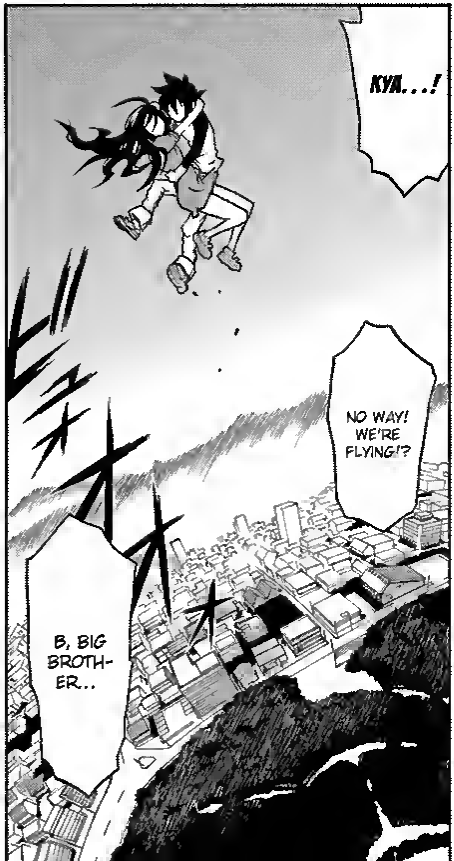
KYA...!
NO WAY! WE'RE FLYING!?
B, BIG BROTH-ER...

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IT'S ALRIGHT.
BIG BROTH-ER!
I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO SAY
I'LL GO SEE MOTHER AND YOU
IT WON'T BE HAPPENING ANYTIME SOON, BUT...

SO EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT NOW...

I KNOW YOU'RE HERE, COME OUT, LISA!
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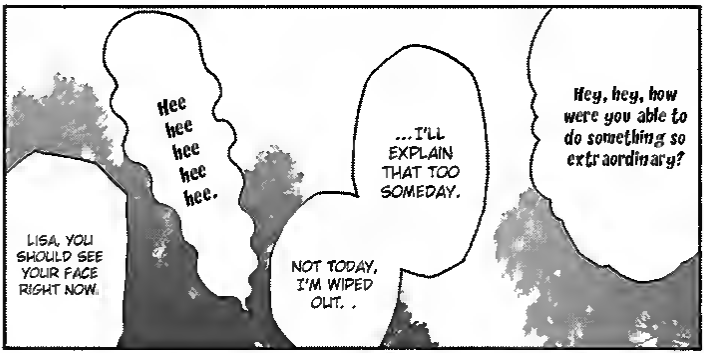
Ehehe-hehe
You found me out?
...
BIG BROTHER, YOU WERE FLYING IN THE SKY JUST NOW WEREN'T YOU!?
I FLEW.
SO IT WAS OBVIOUS, IDIOT.

EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE,
FOR ME, AND FOR MAFUYU,
BEING ABLE TO SEE KURANDO'S FACE WHEN HE'S GENUINELY SMILING IS...
Mwehehehe ufufufu ♡
WHAT, YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD
Ufufu-fufu.
MAFUYU TOO!


Hey, hey, how were you able to do something so extraordinary?
...I'LL EXPLAIN THAT TOO SOMEDAY.
Hee hee hee hee hee.
NOT TODAY, I'M WIPED OUT. .
LISA, YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW.

KURANDOOO, WHY ARE WE BACK HERE AGAIN?
NOTHING, JUST A LITTLE...
HEEEY.

SHE'S ALREADY RESTING IN THE CAR.
I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU GUYS
WE CAN LOOK TOGETHER..
HOW ABOUT YOU? STILL CAN'T FIND HER?
THAT'S GOOD.
I SEE.
JUST LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER.
WELL THEN ..

NO, I DON'T.
WHO?
YOU KNOW HIM?

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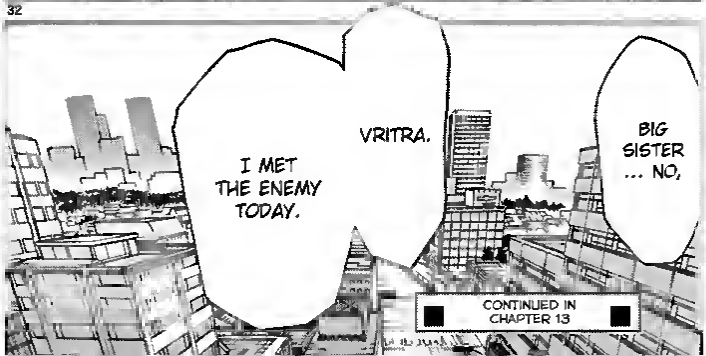

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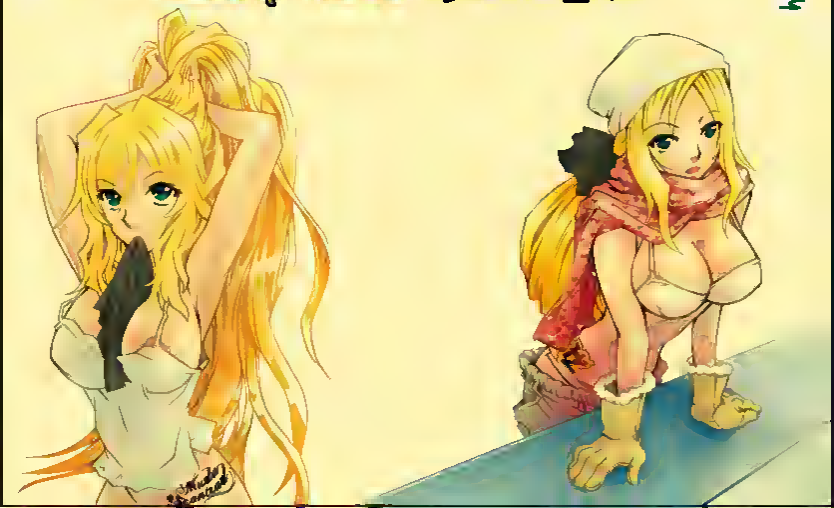

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Chapter 13. My Personal Goddess

ポップコーンアバター
POPCORN AVATAR

読めるのはココだけ!
クラブサンデー
ORIGINAL CONTENTS

RYOU KAJIWARA !!
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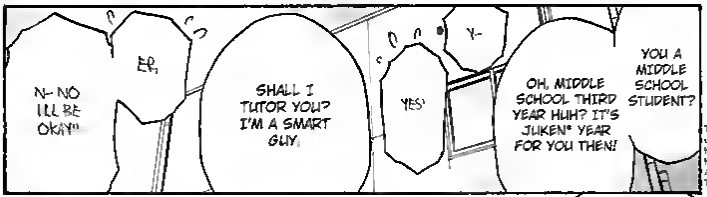
SFX: SHAKING & TREMBLING
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH US, YOU ASSHOLE!!
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ONE FOR SAVING PEOPLE!!
HA-HA-HA-HA
I'VE TURNED MY LIFE AROUND, AND HAVE MORE PROACTIVE ENCOUNTERS WITH OTHERS.
THIS MAN WAS ONCE AN ASURA'S AVATAR... WHY IS HE SAVING PEOPLE?!

SFX: WHOOSH (THE KICK IS THAT F...ST)

AH YEAH, HERE'S MY PHONE NUMBER.
WHAT?
YOU BUMPED SHOULDERS? THAT'S NOTHING. HARDLY A PROBLEM AT ALL.
YOU MADE THE PROBLEM EVEN BIGGER!!!
SFX: PUNCH


N- NO I'LL BE OKAY!!
ER,
SHALL I TUTOR YOU? I'M A SMART GUY.
Y-
YES!
OH, MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD YEAR HUH? IT'S JUKEN* YEAR FOR YOU THEN!
YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT?

TL/N: JUKEN EACH HIGH SCHOOL HAS ITS OWN ADMISSIONS TEST A "JUKEN"

Wafel
SINCE 1982
24時間営業
SO,
WHAT'S THIS MEETING FOR?
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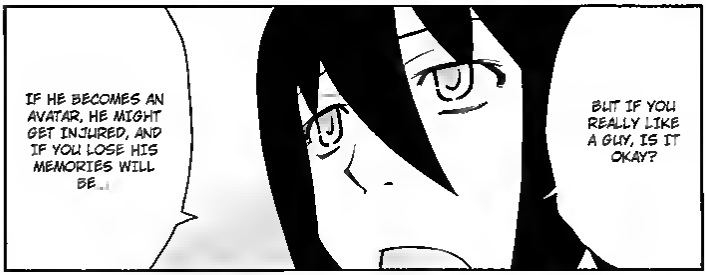
EVERYONE BE NICE TO THE JILTED GIRL!
AND FORGIVE HER SELFISHNESS!
RIGHT NOW I'M A QUEEN! A QUEEN!!
ズズズ
SFX: SLURP
AND KAI?
DELIVERING THE EVENING EDITION WORKING STUDENT, YOU KNOW

HEY, YOU, KURAN. DO, SAY SOMETHING INTERESTING!
KOTOHARA REN, 15 YEARS OLD
THE REINCARNATED GODDESS OF FIRE. TRUSTING HER BOYFRIEND, SHE TOLD HIM EVERYTHING AND HE RAN OFF. CURRENTLY LOOKING TO RECRUIT AN AVATAR (BOYFRIEND).

AT LEAST PRETEND TO TRY!
CAN'T.

FUJI-KUN'S HAIRSTYLE, PERSONALITY, AND FACE WERE SO REFRESHING!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT HAIR? IT'S, LIKE, PRACTICALLY DEAD! IT'S A SURE SIGN OF DEPRESSION!
わしゃわしゃ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SFX TOUSLE

!?
YOUR FACE IS CUTER THAN I THOUGHT, THOUGH IT'S WASTED ON YOU.
Oh?
Dammit they found out
HIS TWIN MAFUYU-CHAN IS CUTE, SO OF COURSE HE WILL BE TOO~~~


BUT IF YOU REALLY LIKE A GUY, IS IT OKAY?
IF HE BECOMES AN AVATAR, HE MIGHT GET INJURED, AND IF YOU LOSE HIS MEMORIES WILL BE...

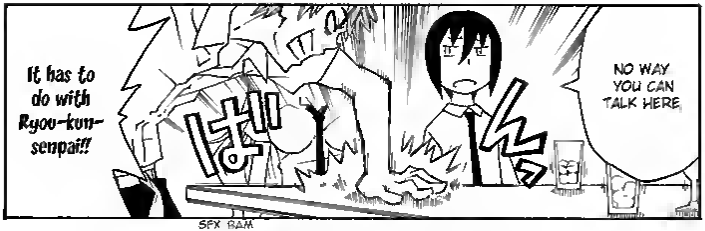
uuuu ....!
Don't talk in that half-gentle manner!!
I might fall for you....!!!
SEXY TREMBLE

TOO BAD ♪
Who's Fujikun?
WHA?!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO CHOOSE ANOTHER.
KURANDO IS MY PERSONAL AVATAR.
SHOCK
SHOCK
SHOCK
YOU'RE CLINGING TOO MUCH!
OOH, DON'T BE SO SHY ♡
.....
I'D SAY THEY GET ALONG RATHER WELL.

AAH, COLD! ... HOT!
KYAA!
SFX: SPLASH
SFX: BOOT

AREN'T YOU, KURANDO WADA?
YOU LOOK RATHER HAPPY CHATTING AWAY WITH THESE GIRLS

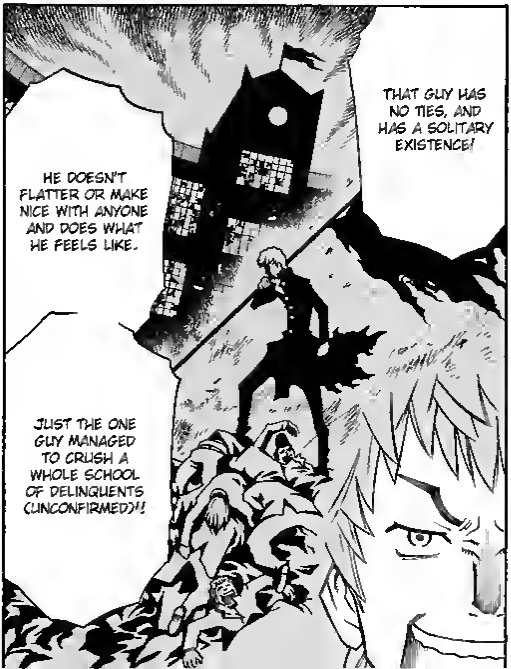
I'M MONMA FROM 3RD CLASS.
C'MERE A MINUTE, LEND ME AN EAR.
WHO ARE YOU?
THE WAY I AM RIGHT NOW LOOKS LIKE I'M IN A GOOD MOOD?


It has to do with Ryoo-kun-senpai!!
SFX RAM
NO WAY YOU CAN TALK HERE

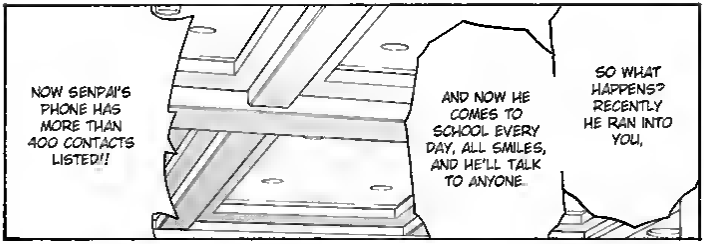
THAT GUY WHOSE EYES ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE SMILING!

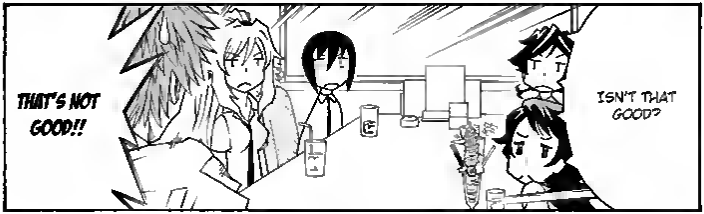
RYOU-KUN-SENPAI?

SFX PULL


HE DOESN'T FLATTER OR MAKE NICE WITH ANYONE AND DOES WHAT HE FEELS LIKE.
THAT GUY HAS NO TIES, AND HAS A SOLITARY EXISTENCE!
JUST THE ONE GUY MANAGED TO CRUSH A WHOLE SCHOOL OF DELINQUENTS (UNCONFIRMED)!!

AH YEAH!


NOW SENPAI'S PHONE HAS MORE THAN 400 CONTACTS LISTED!!
AND NOW HE COMES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, ALL SMILES, AND HE'LL TALK TO ANYONE.
SO WHAT HAPPENS? RECENTLY HE RAN INTO YOU,


THAT'S NOT GOOD!!
ISN'T THAT GOOD?

KNOWING OTHERS IS THE SAME AS KNOWING YOURSELF, RIGHT? SAME FOR ME AND HIM.
IT'S CALLED GROWTH.

WHAT OTHERS MAY NOT CARE FOR I'VE ADMIRED!!
What did you do to him, asshole?!

SFX: SNAP
カメラ

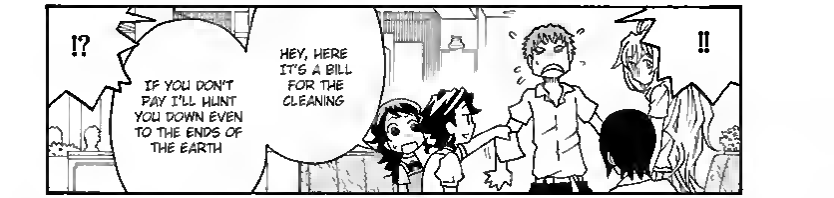
Don't put him on your level! You and senpai are nothing alike...
!
HE'S NOT A LOWLIFE WHO'D KILL HIS OWN SISTER!
I heard about it from guys who went to the same middle school as you...
12 SFX BRAP
GAH?!
LISA, LET HIM GO!
GUUUUU
YOU WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORDS YOU'VE SPEWED, WON'T YOU?
KURANDO ?!

I COULDN'T REALLY SAY IT SO
SIGH
UNTIL NOW
REPEATED MANY MORE TIMES
THIS WILL PROBABLY BE
FUU
BUT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY THAT SHE GOT INJURED.
MAFUYU IS ALIVE.

THE PAST CANNOT BE ERASED, SO I'LL TAKE WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY
THAT IS THE TRUTH
BEFORE THAT, I'LL PROTECT MAFUYU WHATEVER HAPPENS.

KURANDO...
HMPF
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE.
ER...

YOU SAY YOUR ADMIRED SENPAI HAS CHANGED? WHAT A TIGHT-ASS YOU ARE!
LOOKING ONLY AT OUTWARD APPEARANCES, YOU'RE ANNOYING THE SENPAI YOU ADMIRE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IF YOU DON'T PAY I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN EVEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
HEY, HERE IT'S A BILL FOR THE CLEANING
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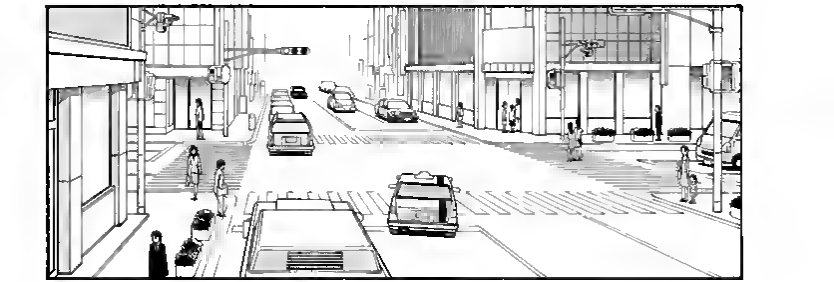

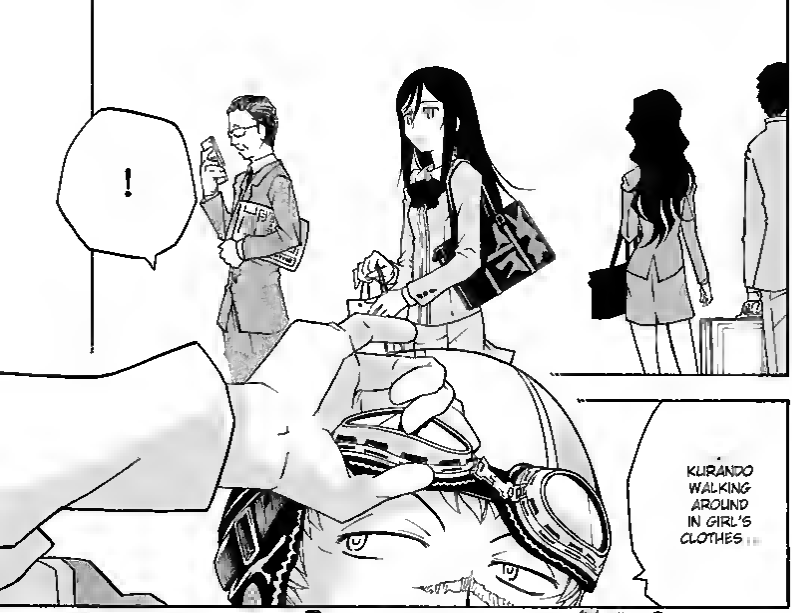
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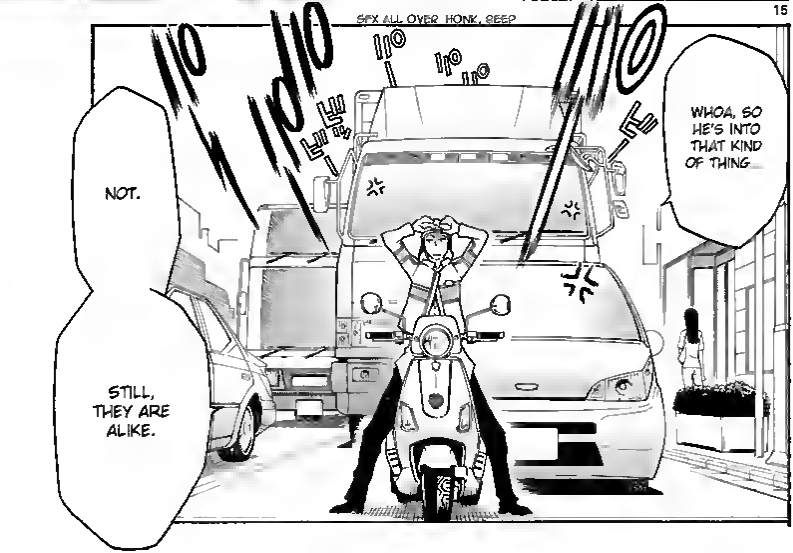
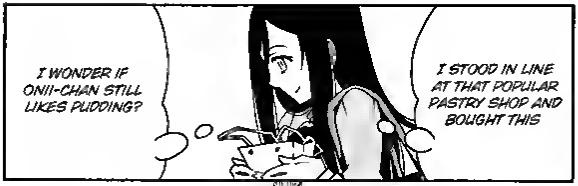
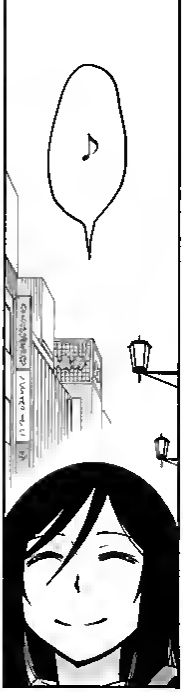
KURANDO WALKING AROUND IN GIRL'S CLOTHES!!


SFX ALL OVER HONK, BEEP
WHOA, SO HE'S INTO THAT KIND OF THING...
NOT.
STILL, THEY ARE ALIKE.


I WONDER IF ONII-CHAN STILL LIKES PUDDING?
I STOOD IN LINE AT THAT POPULAR PASTRY SHOP AND BOUGHT THIS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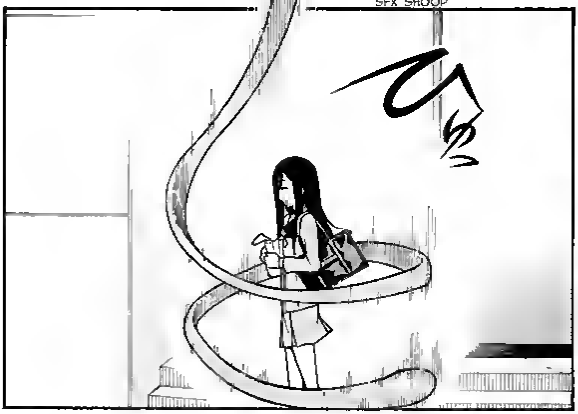
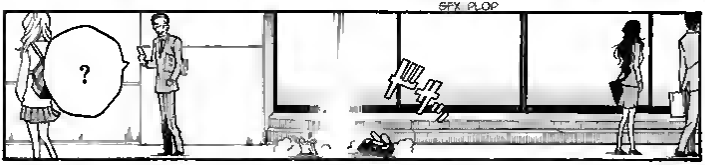

SFX SHOOP


SFX PLOP
?

?
!?
17
Shaddap, it's fine!
Hey! I told you not to touch innocent bystanders!
SFX: SLURP
クロロォ
Are you listening??
A LIGHT BLESSING OF THE HIGHEST ORDER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS SCENT
IT'S GETTING ME EXCITED ~~~~
EEE!
WHAT'S MORE, THIS SCENT IS DASHED WITH AN AMBIANCE OF DECADENCE

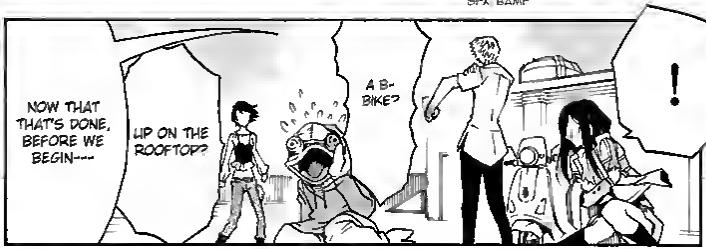
SAVE ME, ONII-CHAN!!
OH GOD, I WANNA EAT HER !!
SFX: AURI FWIP
Y-
KEH.
WHY IS AN ASURA LIKE ME STUCK WITH A GUY LIKE THIS?!
YAAAAAAAA !!

SFX ROOM

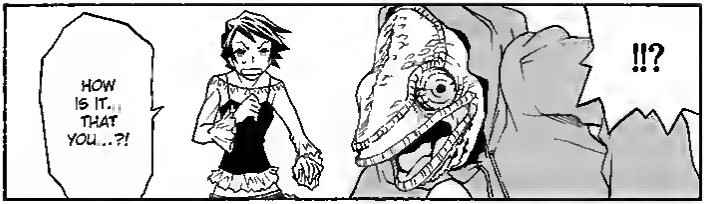
IT'S TRUE. YOU'RE A PERFECT MATCH TO KURANDO.

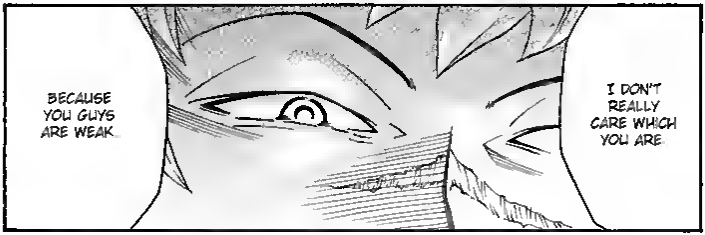
ばっ!?

SFX: BAMF


NOW THAT THAT'S DONE, BEFORE WE BEGIN----
UP ON THE ROOFTOP?
A B-BIKE?
!

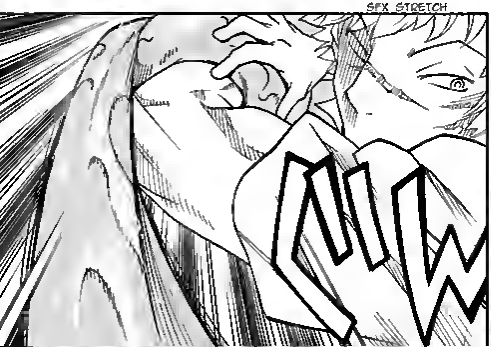
OR ARE YOU DEVAS?
ARE YOU GUYS ASURAS?

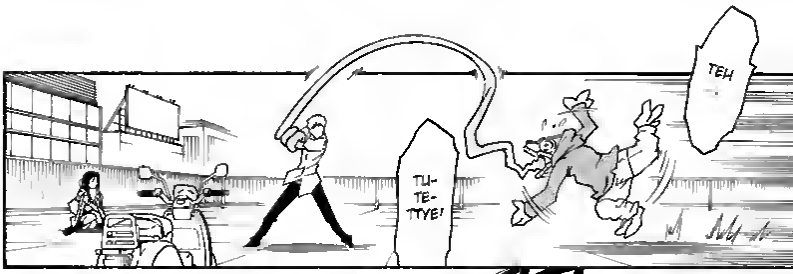

!!?
HOW IS IT.. THAT YOU..?!


I DON'T REALLY CARE WHICH YOU ARE
BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE WEAK

SFX RUMBLE*
REALLY NOW, YOUR FORM AND ABILITY REVEAL YOURSELVES TO BE TRASH

Go!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I'D BETTER DISPOSE OF YOU
Going !!
SFX *PYUUU


SFX STRETCH


TEH
TU-TE-TTYE!

SFX: WHACK
ゴリッ!!

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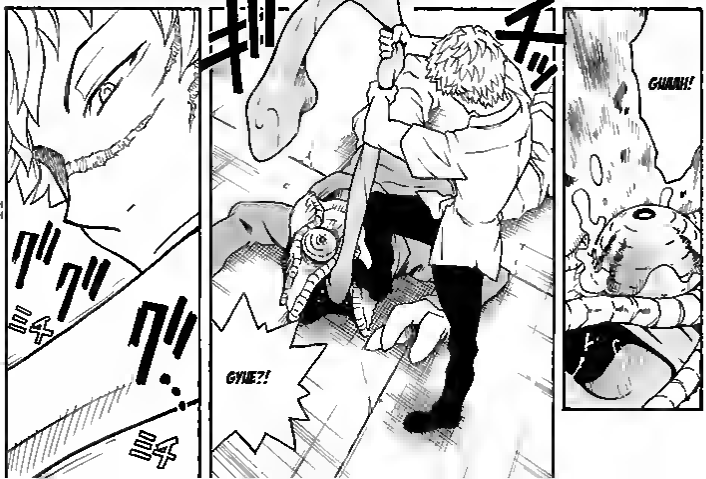
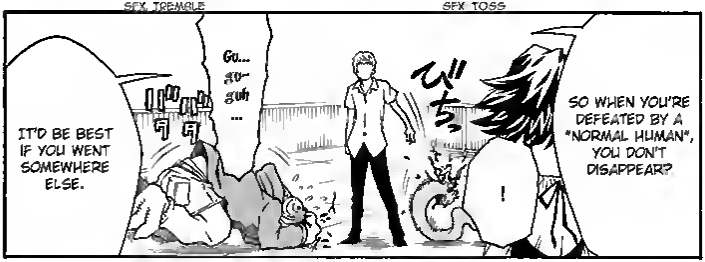

SFX: STRETCH STRETCH
SFX: RIP RIP
GYAH!!
GYIE?!

GE-GYAHHEH !!!
SFX RIP


SFX TREMBLE
SFX TOSS
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE.
Gu... gu-guh ...
SO WHEN YOU'RE DEFEATED BY A "NORMAL HUMAN", YOU DON'T DISAPPEAR?
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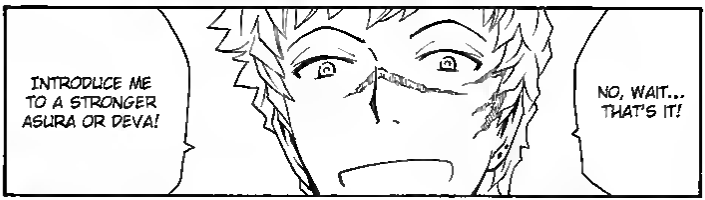
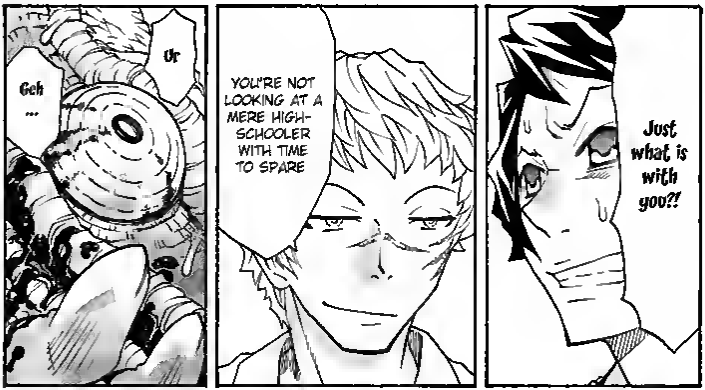

INTRODUCE ME TO A STRONGER ASURA OR DEVA!
NO, WAIT... THAT'S IT!

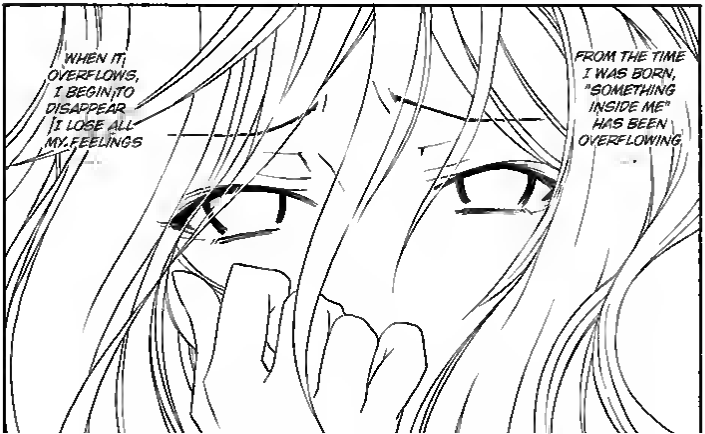

Ur
Geh ...
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT A MERE HIGH-SCHOOLER WITH TIME TO SPARE
Just what is with you?!

Hai-ha-ai-ya-ii-yoi--yu-daa!!
(My saliva is poisonous!!)
OH?
フラ
Idzz-bai-ra-rii-dei-kiid-ebet!
(It's finally taking effect!)
SFX SWAY
!
SFX POP
SFX GRAB
THAT SO?
SFX CRACK, RATTLE
!!?
めキ
めキ
めキ

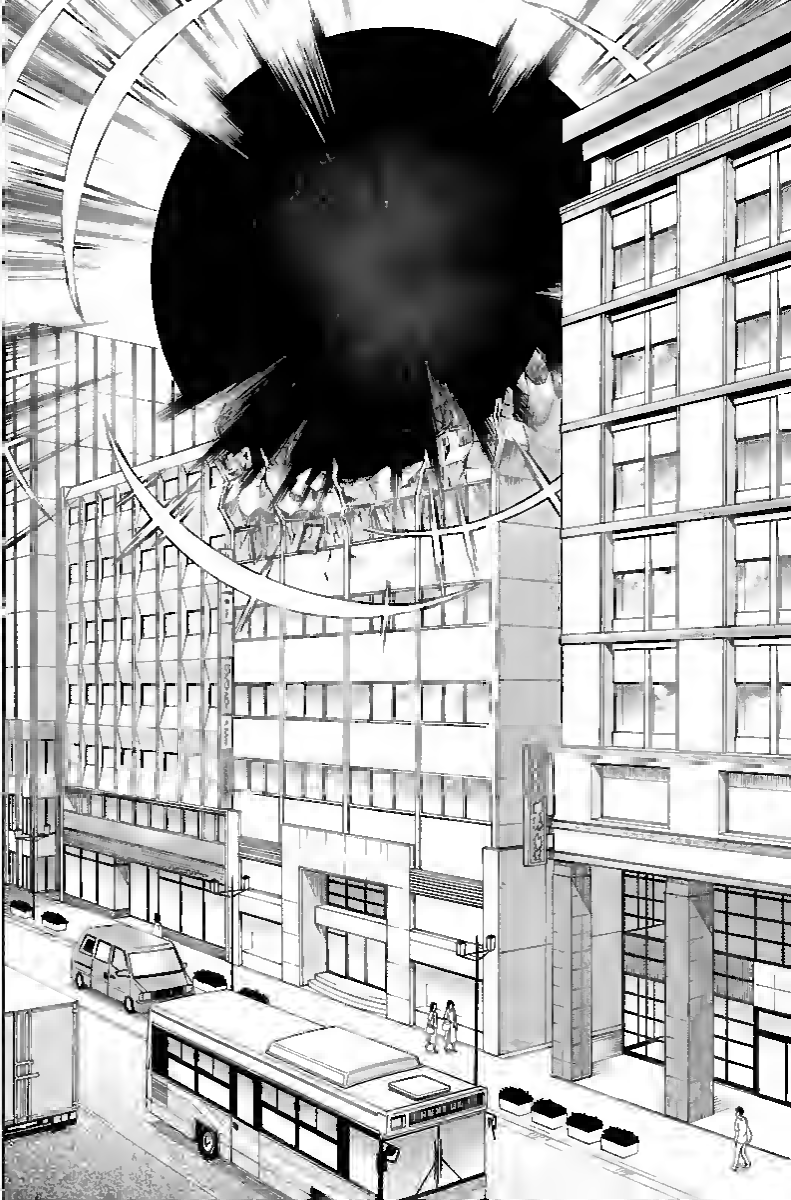
SFX
DRIBALE
DRIBALE
U-
guu-
duh-
boh!!!
SFX
SLAM
25
Fo?!
Fo-
fo-
fo...
DA-FO-
AII?!
(THAT'S
A JOKE,
RIGHT?!)
MAYBE WITH
FIRE WE CAN
GET RID OF ALL
THE POISON?
SFX: SPARK

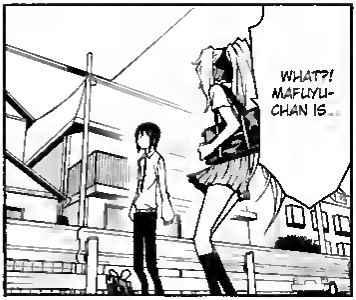
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW
IT'S A LIE.
NO.
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT?
LIKE WATCHING A NIGHTMARE
IT'S SCARY

WITHOUT THAT IT WOULD OVERFLOW.
ONII-CHAN, WHENEVER I HAD A NIGHTMARE, YOU'D ALWAYS HOLD MY HAND.


WHEN IT OVERFLOWS, I BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR I LOSE ALL MY FEELINGS
FROM THE TIME I WAS BORN, "SOMETHING INSIDE ME" HAS BEEN OVERFLOWING.

……NOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!




WHAT?! MAFUYU-CHAN IS...

!!

!

WHAT'S THIS FEELING...?!

MAFUYU !!!

ズズ ズズ
THAT WAS SOME SKILL. SHE SURPRISED ME.
I'VE FOUND ME A REAL GODDESS OF DESTRUCTION.
OVERWHELMING POWER IN A GLANCE... IS MAFUYU.....?!
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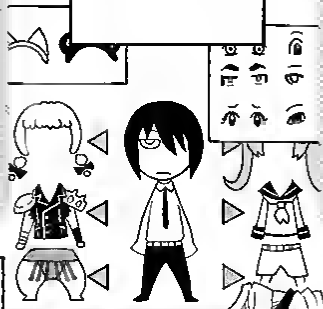
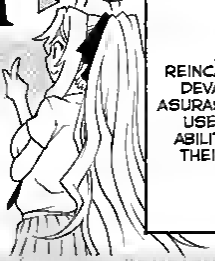
THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD "AVATAR" COMES FROM THE SANSKRIT LANGUAGE, MEANING "INCARNATION".



THEY MUST SELECT AN AVATAR (A NORMAL HUMAN) TO FIGHT FOR THEM.

AS REINCARNATED DEVAS AND ASURAS CANNOT USE THEIR ABILITIES ON THEIR OWN,



IF THEY ARE DEFEATED, THEIR EXISTENCE ENDS. SO FOR DEVAS AND ASURAS...

ポップコーンアバター

POPCORN AVATAR

SELECTION OF THE AVATAR TO WHOM THEY ENTRUST THEIR LIFE IS AN IMPORTANT CONCERN.

VOLUMES 1&2 NOW ON SALE!! THE LATEST, VOLUME 3, WILL GO ON SALE IN JUNE!!
POPULATION OF THE EARTH: ABOUT 6.8 BILLION.
CHANCE OF TWO PEOPLE MEETING: 1 IN 6.8 BILLION...

Chapter 14: Picking a Partner is a Big Deal

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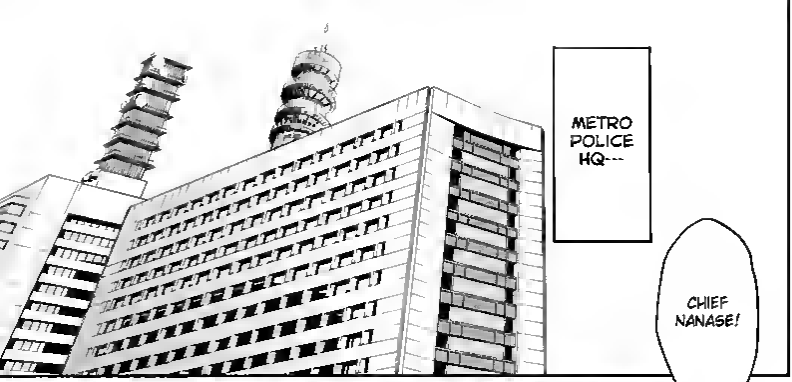
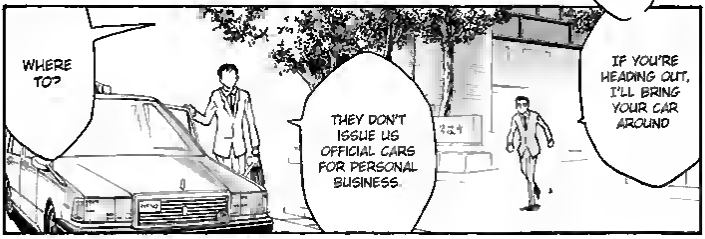
ORIGINAL CONTENTS

星野俳一郎（ほしのこういちろう）


METRO POLICE HQ---
CHIEF NANASE!


IF YOU'RE HEADING OUT, I'LL BRING YOUR CAR AROUND
THEY DON'T ISSUE US OFFICIAL CARS FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS.
WHERE TO?

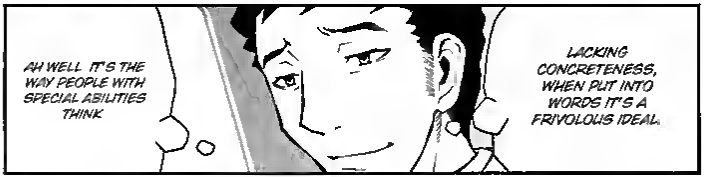
ブロロロ

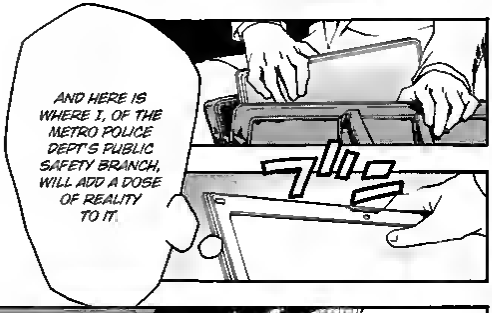
I'LL BE BACK IN TWO HOURS.
NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING.

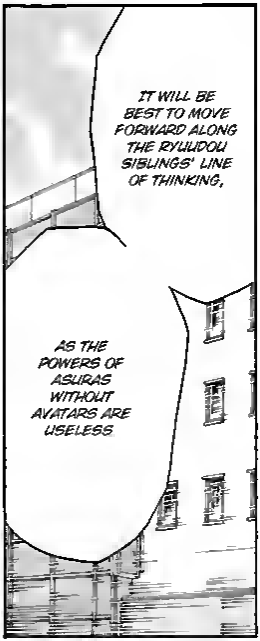
THE TOP MARKET SHARE IN THE COUNTRY.
SIEN RYUUDOU PHARMACEUTICALS
RYUUDOU PHARMACEUTICALS A DRUG COMPANY BOASTING...
THE SISTER AND BROTHER WERE FORMALLY ACCEPTED INTO THE FAMILY 5 YEARS AGO AS THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF RYUUDOU'S COMPANY PRESIDENT
THE ELDER SISTER, KYOUKA RYUUDOU, IS A REINCARNATED ASURA CALLED VRITRA, KNOWN AS THE "SOURCE OF CALAMITIES".
THE YOUNGER BROTHER, TAIGA RYUUDOU, SERVES AS HER AVATAR. AT HIS YOUNG AGE HE ALSO SERVES AS A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE COMPANY.

ON TOP OF THAT, THEIR GOAL IS...
THEY'VE DONE WELL FOR THEMSELVES

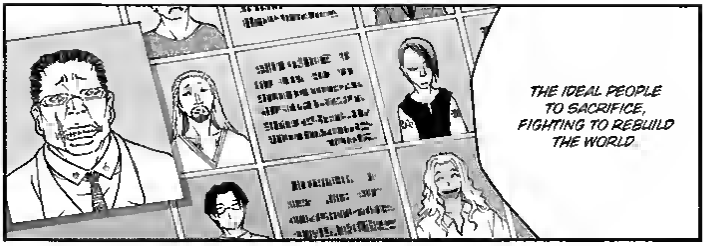
AND REBUILD IT ANEW.
HEAL THIS ROTTING, DISEASED WORLD,
BY WAY OF THE ASURA'S VICTORY.


AH WELL. IT'S THE WAY PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES THINK.
LACKING CONCRETENESS, WHEN PUT INTO WORDS IT'S A FRIVOLOUS IDEAL.

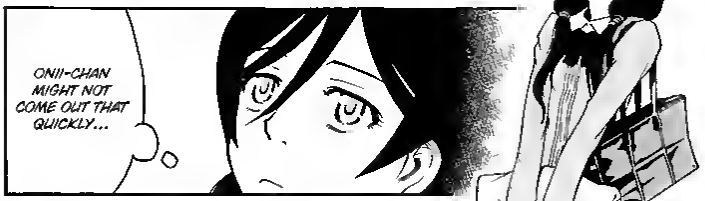

AND HERE IS WHERE I, OF THE METRO POLICE DEPT'S PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH, WILL ADD A DOSE OF REALITY TO IT.


IT WILL BE BEST TO MOVE FORWARD ALONG THE RYUUDOU SIBLINGS' LINE OF THINKING,
AS THE POWERS OF ASURAS WITHOUT AVATARS ARE USELESS.

FROM THIS WATCHLIST OF DANGEROUS PEOPLE THAT I CARRY,
I CAN SUPPLY ANY NUMBER OF AVATARS.

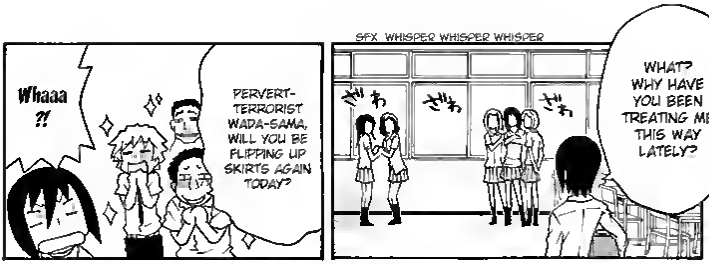

THE IDEAL PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE, FIGHTING TO REBUILD THE WORLD.

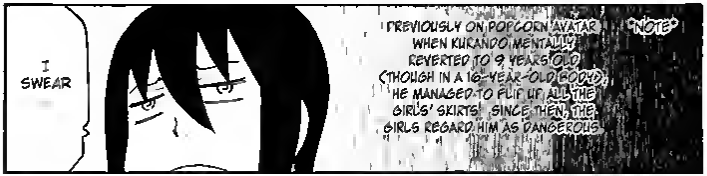
SFX: KAANG KOONG KIING
カーン
キーン
コーン

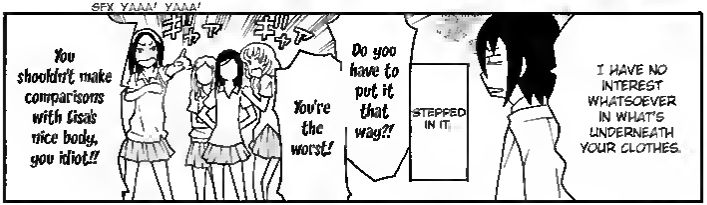

ONII-CHAN MIGHT NOT COME OUT THAT QUICKLY...

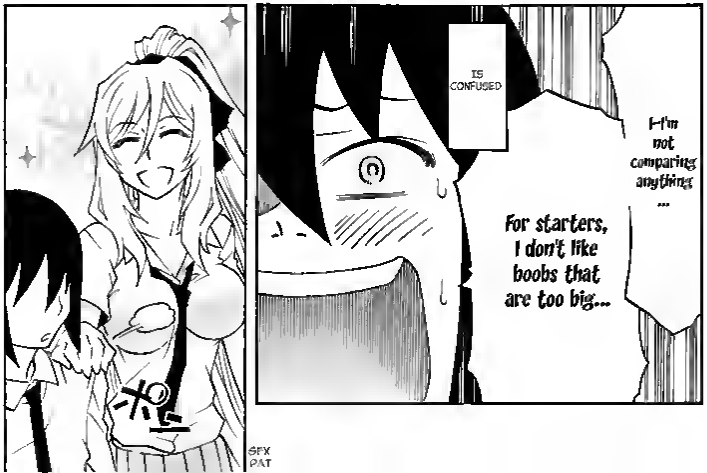
BYE-BYE, TABE-CHAAN.
YUP. I'M OFF--
HM?

WADA-KUN IS... WEARING GIRL'S CLOTHES?!
!
!?
7
EXCUSE ME..
Y-YES?
SFX SLIDE
SFX CREAKING
1-1
?
Heeey, Wada's coming ~~~!
SFX PATTER PATTER PATTER


Whaaa ??
PERVERT-TERRORIST WADA-SAMA, WILL YOU BE FLIPPING UP SKIRTS AGAIN TODAY?
SFX WHISPER WHISPER WHISPER
WHAT? WHY HAVE YOU BEEN TREATING ME THIS WAY LATELY?

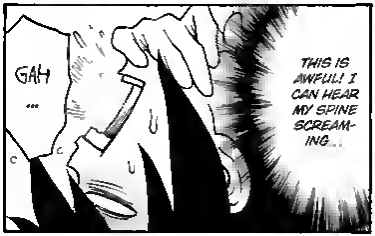

I SWEAR
"PREVIOUSLY ON POPCORN AVATAR WHEN KUCANDO MENTALLY REVERTED TO 9 YEARS OLD (THOUGH IN A 16-YEAR-OLD BODY), HE MANAGED TO FLIP UP ALL THE GIRLS' SKIRTS! SINCE THEN, THE GIRLS REGARD HIM AS DANGEROUS."
"NOTE"


SFX YAAA! YAAA!
You shouldn't make comparisons with Lisa's nice body, you idiot!!
You're the worst!
Do you have to put it that way?!
STEPPED IN IT.
I HAVE NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN WHAT'S UNDERNEATH YOUR CLOTHES.

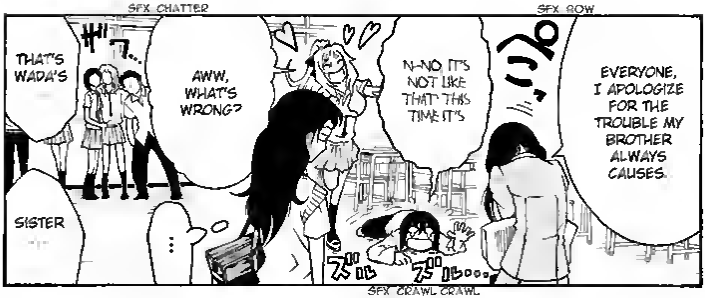

IS CONFUSED
I-I'm not comparing anything ...
For starters, I don't like boobs that are too big...
SFX PAT

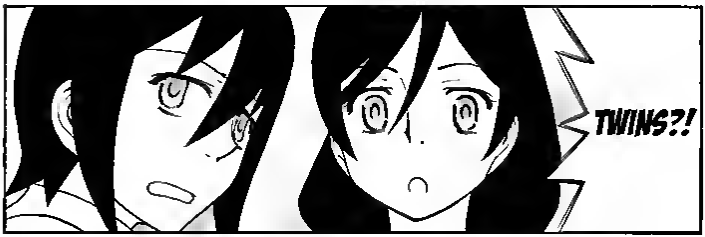
SFX CRACKCRACKCRACK
ヘルキ
ヘルキ
ヘルキ
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT MY TITS...?!
SPILL IT, KURANDO ...!!
The Tower Bridge
SFX RUMBLE

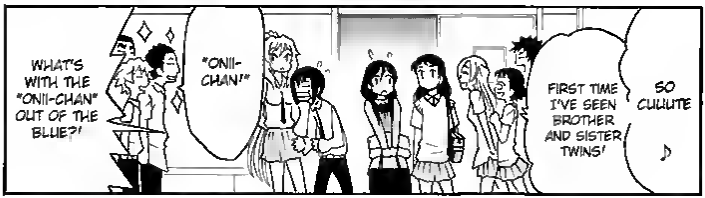
WADA-KUN, YOU HERE? YOUR SISTER..
LI....


GAH...
THIS IS AWFUL! I CAN HEAR MY SPINE SCREAMING..

LISA'S TITS... ARE THE BEST... IN THE WORLD...
!!?
AH! IT'S MAFUYU-CHAN! ♡


SFX CHATTER
SFX GOW
THAT'S WADA'S SISTER
AWW, WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! THIS TIME IT'S
EVERYONE, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE MY BROTHER ALWAYS CAUSES.
SFX CRAWL CRAWL

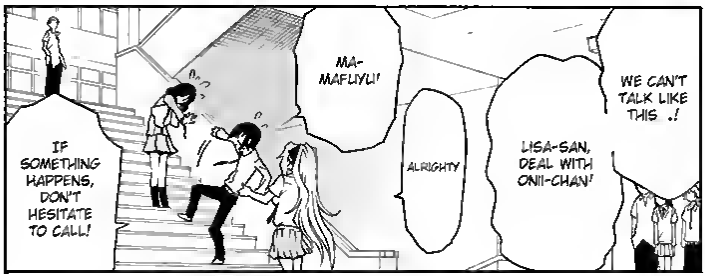

TWINS?!


WHAT'S WITH THE "ONII-CHAN" OUT OF THE BLUE?!
"ONII-CHAN!"
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN BROTHER AND SISTER TWINS!
SO CULULTE ♪

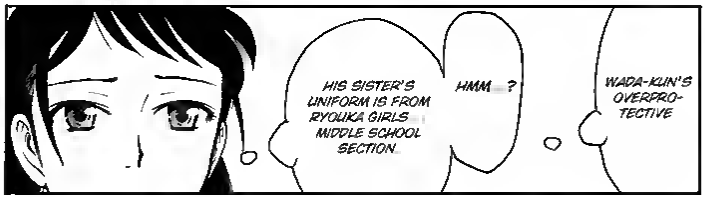
EH.
WHETHER IT'S A "TWINS-SENSOR" OR WHATEVER, IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENED!
MAFUYU, WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY? I PHONED YOU COUNTLESS TIMES!
FROM LISA'S PHONE

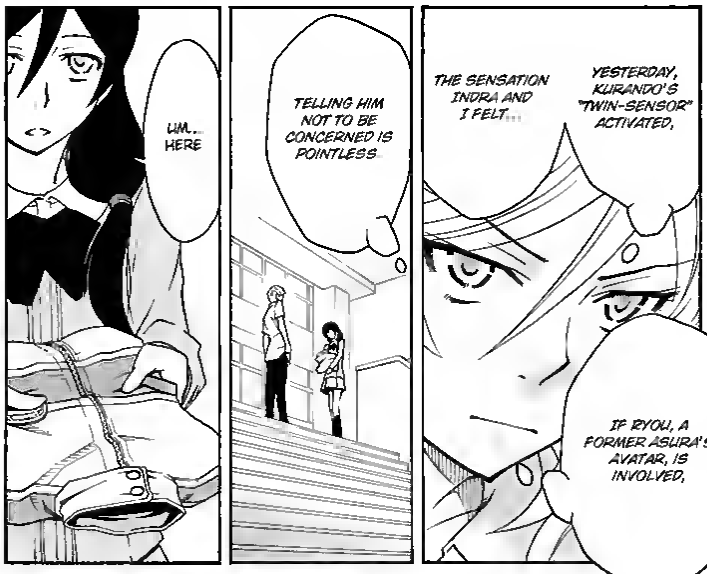
RYOU KAJIWARA !?!
AND TODAY... I CAME TO MEET WITH RYOU KAJIWARA-SAN ...
NOTHING HAPPENED I'M SORRY THE CALLS COULDN'T GET THROUGH
SFX: POP OUT
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!! WHAT'S WITH THIS PERFECT TIMING?!
ひょこ
YOU CALLED?
12
SFX: BOW
WHOA!

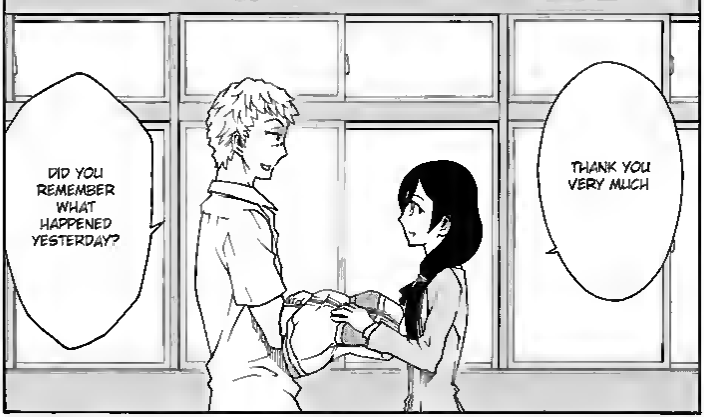
I GOT IT, SHE'S AN IMPORTANT PERSON TO YOU
IF YOU LAID A FINGER ON MY SISTER..
ONII-CHAN!
JUST HOW DO YOU KNOW MAFUYU?
.....
GEEZ!

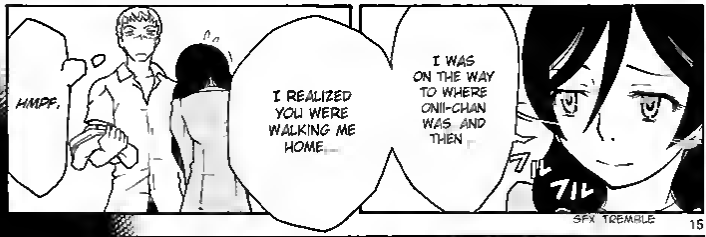

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL!
MA-MAFUYU!
ALRIGHTY
LISA-SAN, DEAL WITH ONII-CHAN!
WE CAN'T TALK LIKE THIS .!

SFX. UWAA
SFX. THERE, THERE
WE'VE GOT A SERIOUS SISCON HERE
IT'S FINE
*MAFUYUUU


WADA-KUN'S OVERPROTECTIVE
HMM...?
HIS SISTER'S UNIFORM IS FROM RYOUKA GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION.


UM... HERE
TELLING HIM NOT TO BE CONCERNED IS POINTLESS.
THE SENSATION INDRA AND I FELT...
YESTERDAY, KURANDO'S "TWIN-SENSOR" ACTIVATED,
IF RYOU, A FORMER ASURA'S AVATAR, IS INVOLVED,


DID YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH


HMPF.
I REALIZED YOU WERE WALKING ME HOME...
I WAS ON THE WAY TO WHERE ONII-CHAN WAS, AND THEN...
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SFX: TREMBLE

YESTERDAY...
IT MAY BE TAKING IT TOO FAR, BUT FORGETTING LIKE THAT IS AWFULLY CONVENIENT...
I'D TRACKED DOWN THE PLACE WHERE A STUPID ASURA HAD DRAGGED THIS GIRL UP TO THE ROOF...

WHEN THINGS DEVELOPED BEYOND ANYTHING I COULD HAVE GUESSED
NOOOOOOOO!!
Wha?!
!!
I'VE ENTERED AN ASHRAM!
WHAT IS SHE... ASURA? DEVA?
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WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THERE'S NOTHING..

I CAN'T TELL UP FROM DOWN.

WHAT I CAN TELL IS THAT SENSATIONS ARE BEING ABSORBED INTO MY SKIN

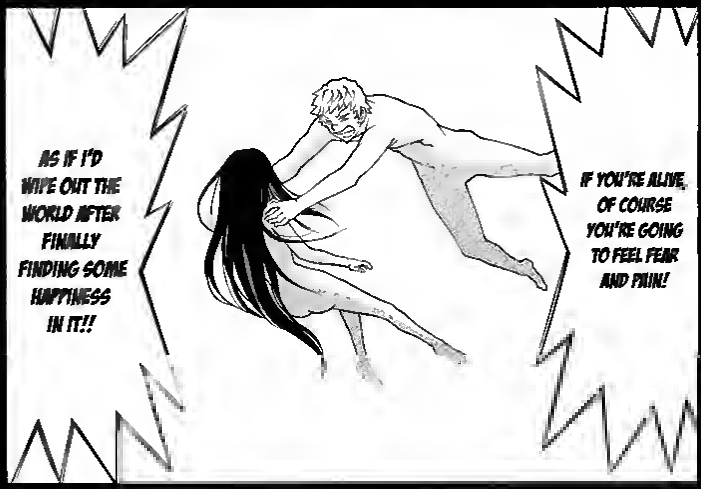
FEAR, SADNESS, LONELINESS, ANXIETY... ARE THESE HER FEELINGS?

WHAT IS IT? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!?
I am Shiva ... and Mafuyu
My "ability" has been sealed away, and if Mafuyu's heart is filled with fear and pain,
it brings an overwhelming amount of "nothingness" to Avatars

the world no longer exists
For someone who forgets the existence of the world.

To become gone, to feel nothing....
Mariya wishes that also...

I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOUR OPINION, AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO UNDERSTAND
WHAAT?! LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE AN ASURA OR A DEVA.


AS IF I'D WIPE OUT THE WORLD AFTER FINALLY FINDING SOME HAPPINESS IN IT!!
IF YOU'RE ALIVE, OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL FEAR AND PAIN!

IS THERE NOTHING IN THIS WORLD TO KEEP YOU FROM TURNING YOUR BACK ON IT?!
AND ARE YOU REALLY HAPPY ESCAPING TO A PLACE LIKE THIS, WHERE NOTHING EXISTS?!
YOU'RE NOT SHIVA.
I AM ASKING YOU, THE YOU HERE AND NOW!!
ANSWER ME!!!
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I.....
...I.

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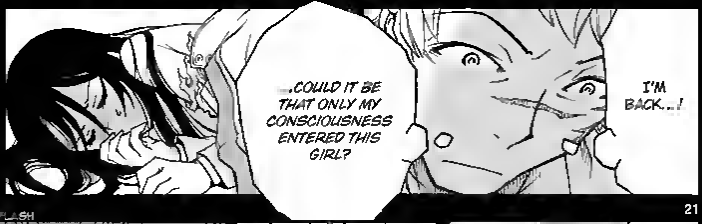
SFX: COLLAPSE
SFX: LANDS

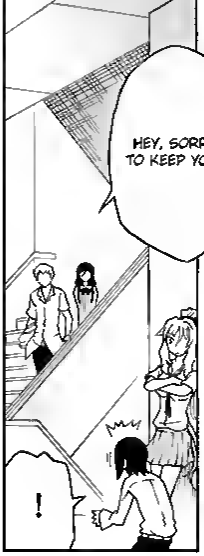

...COULD IT BE THAT ONLY MY CONSCIOUSNESS ENTERED THIS GIRL?
I'M BACK...!
SFX: FLASH

WHAT'S THIS THING THAT LOOKS LIKE SNOT?
Th-That was a surprise!
these guys look dangerous. Let's just kill them now!!
SFX: FSSHHHH

SFX THUD
TOO MUCH POWER FOR AN AVATAR TO HANDLE... I GET IT NOW. IF SHE WOKE UP, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE ONE OF THE STARS DISAPPEAR...
WITH ONE PARTICLE, THE ASURA, HER PAL, AND A THIRD OF THE BUILDING JUST DISAPPEARED.
OH MAN, THAT WAS BAD.
SOMEHOW SHE'S NOT MENTALLY STABLE.
KURANDO'S YOUNGER TWIN SISTER
AN ABILITY MASTO
NOW THAT'S INTERESTING.

YOU DON'T THINK I ATTACKED YOU, DO YOU?
AH ...!
SFX: GUU
I THINK ANY PERSON WHO MY BROTHER ACTUALLY BEFRIENDS IS A GOOD PERSON.
STRANGE WAY TO MEASURE
HAHA!
I SEE, YEAH THAT'S TRUE.
BESIDES, A PERSON WHO WOULD HURT ME WOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT.

MA- MA- MAFUYU, ARE YOU OKAY? DID HE DO SOMETHING WEIRD?
OF COURSE NOT!
SFX DITHERING


HEY, SORRY TO KEEP YOU
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SFX GRIP
HEY.
ERM,

MAFUYU THINKS YOU AND I ARE FRIENDS.
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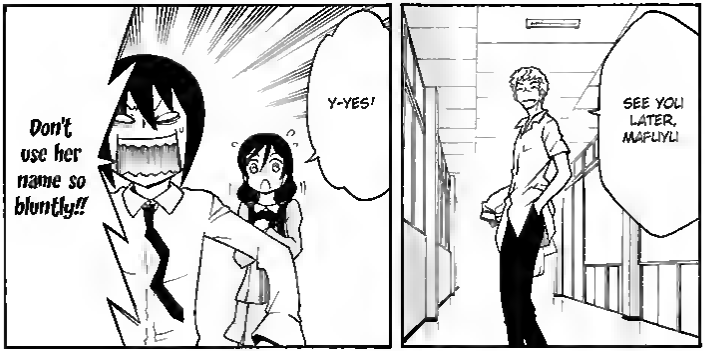
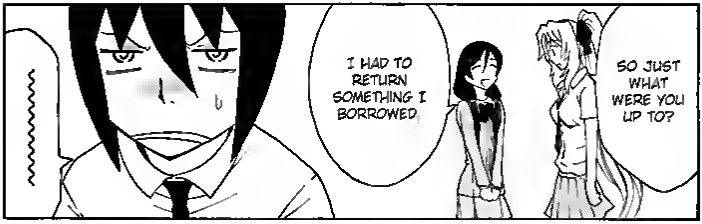
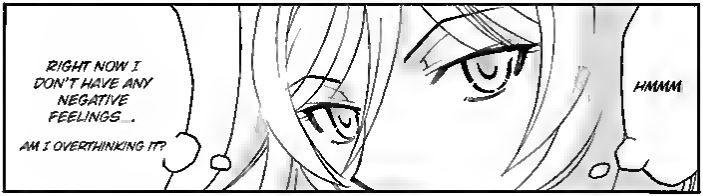
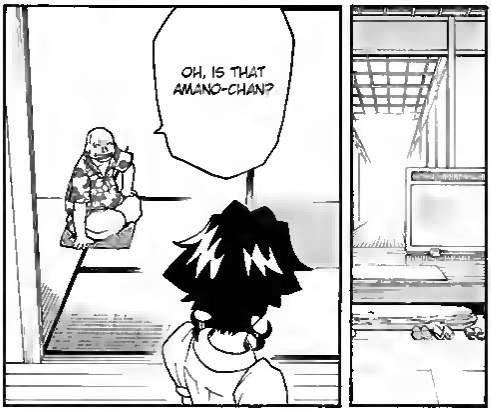

Don't use her name so bluntly!!
Y-YES!
SEE YOU LATER, MAFUYU!


I HAD TO RETURN SOMETHING I BORROWED.
SO JUST WHAT WERE YOU UP TO?


RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY NEGATIVE FEELINGS...
AM I OVERTHINKING IT?
HMMM

MAFUYU... SHE'S TOO INTERESTING TO JUST LEAVE ALONE.
I WON'T TELL KURANDO.
CAUSE HE'S SUCH A SISCON.

*TIAE FAMILY AS IN YAKUZA FAMILY



IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU YOU'VE REALLY GROWN INTO A WOMAN
IT'S THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUJIN GROUP!
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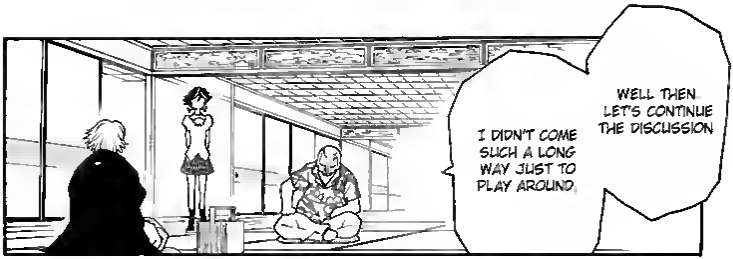
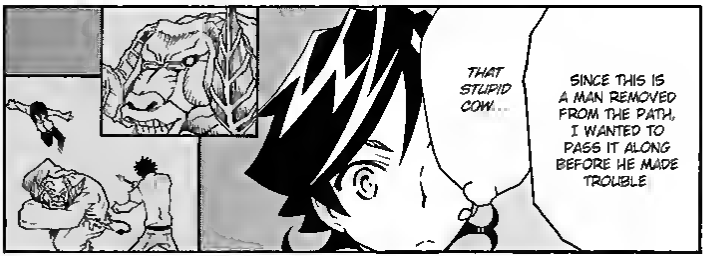
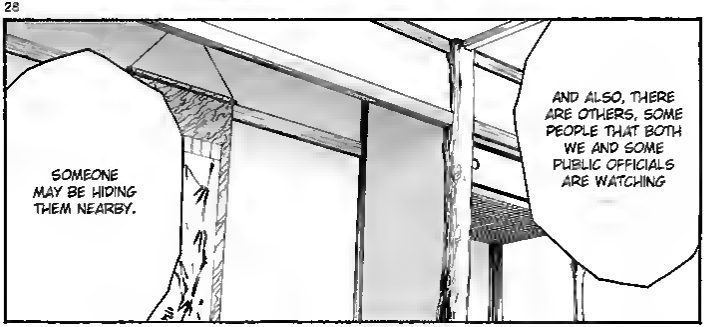
YOU'LL WIND UP WITH MORE SCARS ON YOUR FACE ♡
NO WAY, OJI-SAMA!
WELL, LET ME TOUCH YOU TO MAKE SURE ♪
DADDY, I ALSO AM A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY.
AMANO, GO TO YOUR ROOM.
OJI-SAMA, ARE YOU HERE ON SOMETHING BIG?
HMM? HAHAHA HA!
DAMN, I CAN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM YOU, AMANO-CHAN
I WANT TO KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE FAMILY
CUT IT OUT WITH THE "DADDY"
I'M HOME, DADDY ♡

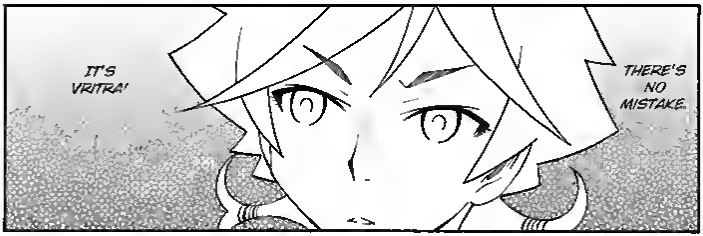

I DIDN'T COME SUCH A LONG WAY JUST TO PLAY AROUND.
WELL THEN LET'S CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION

THERE'S A MAN WE KICKED OUT OF OUR GROUP NAMED "KUREHA"
ON TOP OF NOT HEARING ABOUT IT WHEN HE WAS RELEASED, WORD IS HE'S DISPLAYING YOUR GROUP'S MARKINGS.

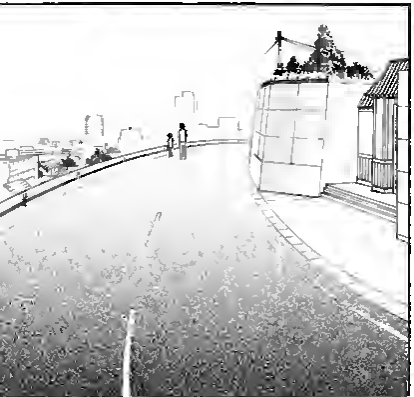

SINCE THIS IS A MAN REMOVED FROM THE PATH, I WANTED TO PASS IT ALONG BEFORE HE MADE TROUBLE
THAT STUPID COW...

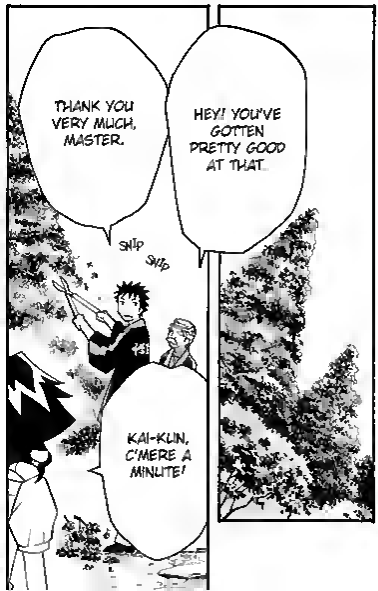

AND ALSO, THERE ARE OTHERS, SOME PEOPLE THAT BOTH WE AND SOME PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE WATCHING
SOMEONE MAY BE HIDING THEM NEARBY.

THAT MEANS THERE'S SOMEONE GUIDING THEM, HUH.
NOW ISN'T THAT INTERESTING


IT'S VRITRA!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE.

YES MA'AM

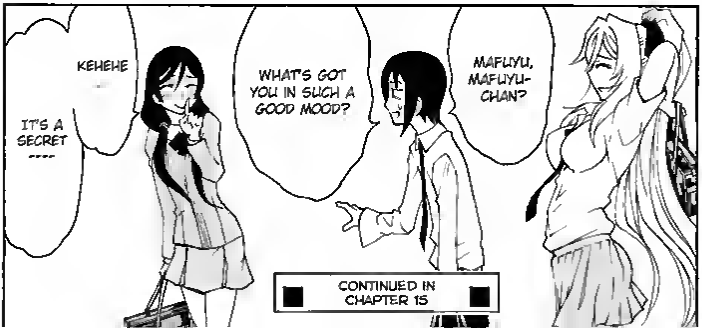



THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MASTER.
HEY! YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT THAT.
SNIP
SNIP
KAI-KUN, C'MERE A MINUTE!

THAT VRITRA.. SHE HATES COLLECTING AVATARS...!
YOU DO IT FOR ME...
SFX CLANG
AH, WHAT'S WRONG, AMANO-SAN?
HEH HAHAHA HA..

Kai-kun and I will show you just how critical choosing an Avatar is!!
I'm on fire now ...

EEH?!


KEHEHE
IT'S A SECRET ----
WHAT'S GOT YOU IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD?
MAFUYU, MAFUYU-CHAN?
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